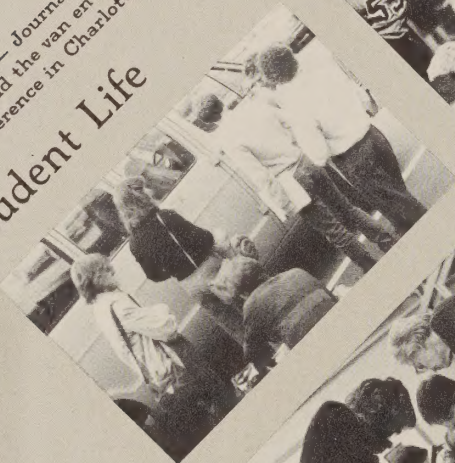




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LOADING UP — Journalism students prepare to load the van en route to the VHSL conference in Charlottesville.

Student Life



CRUNCH!! Tyrone Mitchell applies a bone-jarring tackle on a Patrick Henry player, as Donnie Hoss moves in.

Athletics

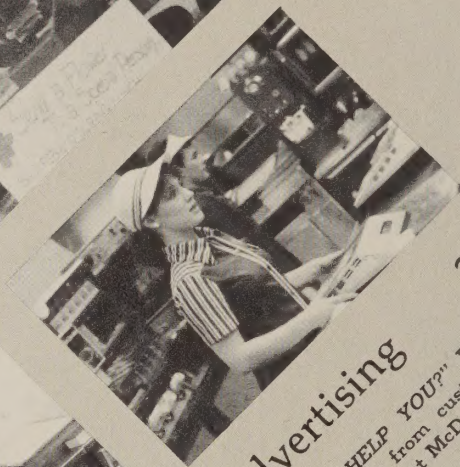
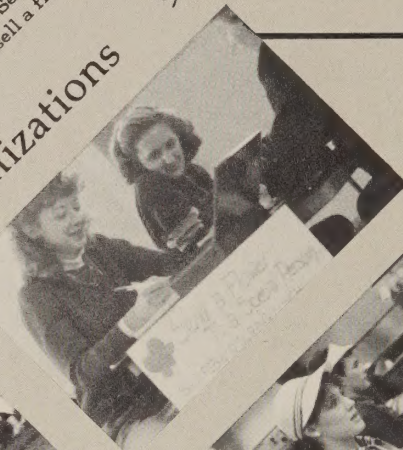


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STRETCH!! Seniors Danny Chambers (40) and Tyrone Mitchell (34) snare a rebound above the outstretched hands of Gate City's Tommy Craft. The 'Cats overwhelmed the Blue Devils, as well as the rest of their district opposition, en route to their first Southwest District crown in twenty years.

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**CHALK ONE UP FOR
OUR SIDE** — Students
begin to stream from the
school as another day
ends. Although there
were ups as well as
downs, the 977 students
made the best of an ex-
tremely rocky year.



SASSY BRASS — Band members Robin Herron, Mike Sexton and Trevor Hamilton “dress down” during V-T week. A very common sight, strange dress highlighted the week preceding the football game with Tennessee High.

STILL CHAMP! Mr. John Brown, the Calculus and Geometry teacher, loads his car with the help of campaign manager Randy White and senior Tim Faulkner during his re-election campaign. With the help of dedicated workers including several students, Brown won his seat in the House of Delegates claiming about 60% of the popular vote.



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Students, faculty face
adversity-exceed goals

Inflation — this seemingly innocent word struck fear in the hearts of men as economic woes plagued the nation in the first few years of the decade.

Fortunately, the Bristol Virginia School Board remained safe in its own world, a world free from budget cuts, until recently. The carefree world of the students shattered as the School Board, under the threat of an unbalanced budget, cut a sizeable sum out of the appropriation for education.

Fortunately, the students and faculty overcame the budget cuts and somehow managed to salvage an economically unbalanced year. Mr. John Brown, the Calculus and Geometry teacher, completed his successful campaign for re-election to the House of Delegates by garnishing over sixty percent of the votes despite the fact that his opponent outspent him by almost two to one. Brown gave the students who helped with his campaign some of the credit for his victory when he stated, "The students' hard work and enthusiasm made our campaign a great success."

The budget cuts affected school organizations as well. The Big Orange Band

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MINE NEXT! Kim Pierce, Kevin Jessee, Lorre Hawkins, Kelli Walker and Sherry Wright take a break from the heat of the summer in order to sign yearbooks. Both school publications reaped various awards, rewarding the staffs for their hard work.



MOVING ON — The rifle and flag corps lead the Big Orange Band during the Veteran's Day parade. The band topped off another spectacular year with its second consecutive state championship.

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT! Members of the football team show their spirit during a pep rally before the Homecoming game. The turnout for the game was overwhelming despite ominous weather.



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captured its second consecutive state crown despite attending fewer competitions due to the lack of funds. Senior band member Melissa Brooks commented, "I was surprised that we did so well considering our lack of exposure to previous competitions."

In the sphere of academics, the students ignored the throes of the budget cuts. The students of Mr. Frank Mitchell's Advanced Placement United States History class earned the highest grades on the

Advanced Placement exam in school history. Todd Shy and Tim Faulkner both received scores of five, the highest possible score. Six other students received scores of four, which is also ranked as outstanding.

With or without the budget cuts, the students and faculty exceeded expectations in the spheres of academics and other activities. Chalk one up for our side!

DOWN THE HALL AND LEFT — Principal Tim Outlaw directs freshman Abby Mitchell to his next class. Budget cuts did not hamper enrollment as 292 freshmen registered.

'CAT CHAT — Students pause between classes to chat and to admire the V-T decorations. The effort put into decorating served as an example of spirit.



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SENIOR SPIRIT — Members of the senior class fill the air with shouts and confetti during the Homecoming pep rally. Spirit did not diminish despite the adversity that faced the students.

Over politics

Despite turmoil, students chalk up experience

Beirut, Grenada, the Soviet Union and Central America — turmoil struck nearly every sector of the international scene. Terrorist attacks and anti-American demonstrations throughout Europe in the wake of the placement of Pershing II missiles in several NATO countries pained the hearts of a great many Americans, even those at the high school level.

However, the students learned to place these events in the past and to live for the present and future, to overcome this international adversity.

During the summer, students represented the school throughout the nation, and even in foreign countries. A great number of students flocked to various beaches, while others attended honors programs. Todd Shy and Tim Faulkner attended the Governor's School for the Gifted in Farmville, while Marmi Jordan, Robb Smith and Brad Shutes attended the Governor's School for the Arts in Roanoke. April Spangler, Michelle Hayter

and Melissa Brooks spent five weeks in the King Fellow Scholar Program at King College. During this time, Mrs. Eileen Garner led a troop of four students, Suzanne Corley, Tammy Bowers, Angela Courtney and Tammy Richards, on a romp through France.

'Cat pride was another sphere of student life that did not diminish despite the international adversity. A large crowd of students, parents and alumni witnessed the Homecoming game, in spite of the cold weather and the threat of rain, and saw Tabetha Gerdes crowned queen. During V-T week, the first week of November, a number of seniors donned ties and shorts, starting a new tradition for the school. Several brave souls wore costumes, including a cluster of grapes, a clown and several pirate outfits.

The students overcame the adversity of many international tragedies, and earned the right to proudly exclaim, "Chalk one up for our side!"



THAT WAY — SCA President Marmi Jordan points Charles Wade in the right direction during freshman orientation as SCA Secretary Lynn Thomas looks on. The class of '87 added a new dimension to student life — bewilderment.

Sunsational

Summer fun, Bristol to Paris

Summer fever usually hit most students in April, with the first spring-like day. During this time, underclassmen daydreamed out the classroom window about the last day of school, while the seniors anticipated graduation. With these events close at hand, people cleaned out lockers, and turned in that last exam, along with a sigh of relief. Caps and gowns were closeted and bathing suits brought out. Summer 1983 had begun in full swing.

The smell of Hawaiian Tropic was rejuvenated from last summer, as students made a mad rush to the beach or other popular vacation spots. Several even traveled to Europe.

Mrs. Eileen Garner took some of her students to France. This enabled them to gain knowledge, along with experiencing the French way of life.

After basking in the sun, or skiing all day, a favorite pastime was watching soaps. "General Hospital" or "Guiding Light" proved to be perfect ways to relax for a couple of hours.

But summer turned out to be not just a time for goofing off. Extra college money was acquired by part-time jobs, and many hours were spent in summer school. Three seniors lived at King College for five weeks and participated in the King Fellow Program. "This was one of the greatest times of my life, enabling me to experience a summer

college course and to meet many new friends," commented Michelle Hayter.

Governor's School in Farmville, Virginia was attended by Todd Shy and Tim Faulkner. Of his experience, Shy pointed out, "the Governor's School experience was, without a doubt, one of the most fulfilling events of my life. I went into the month with high expectations; these were surpassed. It is hard to define, but I feel a distinct change in myself having attended the school."

Even though people worked or went to school, there was still time remaining to participate in the activities of the summer. For the most part, it was a time for fooling around and relaxing. If nights were not filled with concerts, dates, or just plain cruisin', then one could usually find a friend at home watching M-TV or hosting a party.

Whether it was going to the beach, working, or just wasting time, there was something in this summer for everyone. But, after three months of "heaven", school preparations began once again. Fall clothes were de-mothballed, and supplies were purchased. Work uniforms were turned in, and the tans began to fade. Though summer flew by, the first day of school was anticipated by teachers and students alike. Once again, all got back into the full swing of things, ready to start a brand-new year.



BEAT THE HEAT — Vacationers at Myrtle Beach relax by the ocean and play in the waves. This proved to be one of the most popular recreational sights among the students.

CLASSY GLASS — French instructor Mrs. Eileen Garner gives her group a tour of Versailles. Angela Courtney, Suzanne Corley, Tammy Bowers and Tammy Richards took part in this vacation abroad.





BALANCING ACT — Varsity cheerleaders attempt to form a pyramid. Hours of summer practice were a necessity in order to insure top performance.

SKIING IN STYLE — Mike Jackson strives to earn a place in the Budweiser Open Skiing Championship at South Holston Lake. The lake was a home-away-from-home for many students.



TIME OUT! — Members of VICA take a break from a conference in Blacksburg to attend a Virginia Tech football game. This event was held in late August.

BACK IN THE GRIND — Blue jeans take the place of swimsuits as students return on the first day of school. Approximately 1000 people turned out to face the new year.

THE THRILL OF VICTORY — Expressions of joy appear on Tabettha Gerdes' face as she is named Homecoming Queen. Selected by the student body through balloting the previous morning, she was escorted by Bobby Blevins.

A SEA OF SPIRIT — Students exhibit their spirit and pride at the Homecoming pep rally. Pep rallies were a time to be with friends and express Bearcat pride.



TOP ELEVEN — The top eleven finalists included Sandy Harding, Dawn Williams, Jan Balthis, Lisa Stout, Lisa Crockett, Tabettha Gerdes, Lynn Thomas, Angie Rash, Keelie Oar, Marmi Jordan and Lisa Kiser.



Balloons and beauties

Rain could not keep balloons or spirits down

Rain had threatened all day, but failed to make an appearance on this special night. There was a chill in the air, but a warm spirit prevailed.

The fact that the 'Cats were down at halftime by fourteen points did not hamper the mood on the night of the annual Homecoming game. The candidates and their supporters curiously anticipated the announcement of the Queen and her court.

The contest began approximately two weeks earlier when twenty-one senior girls were selected by various clubs and organizations to compete for the honor of becoming Homecoming Queen. On the morning of October 13, each student chose his

or her favorite candidate. Because of a tie for the tenth position, the voting resulted in eleven finalists who would participate in the homecoming ceremonies at halftime on October 21.

They were Dawn Williams, Lisa Crockett, Marmi Jordan, Lisa Kiser, Lynn Thomas, Keelie Oar, Lisa Stout, Tabettha Gerdes, Jan Balthis, Angie Rash and Sandy Harding. Chosen to escort these young ladies were Scotty Yates, Kevin Jessee, Tim Faulkner, Mike Little, Ricky Fisher, Todd Shy, Jeff Corvin, Bobby Blevins, Mike Mech, Andy Dannhardt and Mitch Rector, respectively.

The day before the game, the students voted again to determine who would be awarded top positions in the queen's court and who would possess the title of "Queen". To add to the building excitement of the actual competition, a mock contest was

held at the pep rally on the day of the game among ten other "fine young ladies". The winner of this take off was Mike "Michelle" Mech, escorted by Lisa Crockett. Then nervousness set in for the candidates as gametime approached.

"To launch a dream" was the theme, to support this, balloons were launched succeeding the final announcement. Expectations soared as the court was revealed. Lisa Stout, Angie Rash, Lynn Thomas and Lisa Crockett were named fourth, third, second and first runners-up, respectively. The highly awaited moment had arrived.

The silence within the stadium was broken as Miss Tabettha Gerdes, representing the Art Club and escorted by Bobby Blevins, was crowned Queen.

THAT SPECIAL NIGHT — Radiant smiles appear on the faces of Lisa Crockett and escort Kevin Jessee. Crockett, the first runner-up, represented Jr. Civitans.



FLY AWAY — Anticipation rises as halftime draws near. Sharon Smith, SCA treasurer, held the balloons which were to be launched after the announcement of the queen. The balloons, however, failed to cooperate as it took several "launchings" to get them off the ground.

PRIVATE MOMENTS — Even at football games there are times for sharing secret thoughts. Amy Geiger and Aaron Thomas take time-out from the Richlands game for such an interlude.



WHAT LEGS — Homecoming "Queen" candidate "Roxanne" Kress struts his stuff for the student body at the pregame pep rally. Kress went on to finish

as fourth runner-up, escort Tabettha Gerdes, however, fared better that night as she was crowned Homecoming Queen.





ON THE ROAD AGAIN — The members of the JV cheerleading squad are all smiles as they wait for the car parade to begin. This spruced up pick-up was only one of many vehicles that were decorated by various clubs and organizations to parade through the streets of Bristol.

DRESSED TO KILL? An outfit consisting of shorts, a yellow shirt, a tie and high-tops is Mike Little's idea of "dressing up". Little was one of about twenty senior guys who decided to start a new tradition on dress-up day.



Ahoy, mates!

'Cat 'pirates' invade Vikes

FACE THE FACTS — Orange and black face paint helps express Lisa Davis' Bearcat spirit. Each student seemed to have his or her own unique way of expressing school pride during V-T week, including painting posters, dressing up as pirates, to giving total effort on the field.



CROWNING THE KING — The new V-T king, Tracy Parker, flashes a big smile while being crowned by varsity cheerleader captain Jan Balthis. Parker was chosen by the student body from all the senior football players.

Walk the plank! Sink the Vikes! These were the screams of the new theme for the week of the annual Virginia-Tennessee football rivalry. Following tradition, clubs began weeks in advance preparing signs and hall decorations to promote the theme of piracy.

The cheerleaders also busied themselves with plans and cheers in the halls every morning. However, the greatest sign of preparation was demonstrated by the football team which with a lot of practice, gained the respect and support of the students. This spirited support resulted in proud participation in the activities leading up to the actual game.

Monday, schools were closed for teacher in-service day, but on Tuesday, which was twirp day, the festivities began. After school, several teachers and students participated in the annual balloon throw. The students took an active part by attempting to bomb their favorite teacher, while the teachers, seated on tricycles, tried to bomb them back. That night, "the women were required to pay" for a night on the town. Twirp day gave girls an opportunity to ask out their favorite guys. Couples chose to go to the movies, out to eat or whatever they enjoyed doing.

Wednesday was the traditional dress-up day for all those who were truly pirates at heart. About twenty-five senior guys started a new tradition by all dressing in yellow shirts, ties, shorts, dress socks and high

tops. Another new tradition was originated on Thursday when senior guys wore three piece suits and senior girls wore dresses.

Thursday was the day of the car parade as well, and VHS patriots adorned their favorite club's car or truck to ride through the streets of Bristol showing off their Bearcat pride. The evening's schedule consisted of the annual hot dog supper followed by the bonfire and snake dance. As the flames of the fire rose, likewise, the spirit of the many Bearcat supporters ascended.

The climax of the preliminary activities came on Friday at the hour-long pep rally. Band, cheerleaders and the entire student body joined to help cheer the team on to victory. Tracy Parker was crowned V-T king after being elected by the students from the senior football players. The winners of the hall decorations and car parade contestants were announced — first place for the car parade was ten dollars received by the swim team. For second place, the Latin Club won five dollars and three dollars went to the band for third place. The French Club, which was in charge of decorating the Social Studies wing, accepted the twenty dollar first place prize for hall decorations. While FBLA, which handled the breezeway, received ten dollars for second place.

Finally, the grand finale of a week full of high spirits and anticipation began at 7:50 pm with the Big Or-

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"WE'RE NUMBER ONE!" This shout was heard during the hour-long pep rally as the members of the football team really let their spirit show. The students were letting their excitement and anticipation show, too, as they endeavored to heighten the players' spirits.

"WHATCHA GOT COOKIN'?" Students and parents attending the annual hot dog supper find that there is much more to choose from than just hot dogs. The PTA sponsored the supper, held November 3.

IT SUITS HIM WELL — Swimming instructor Terry Caldwell is quite at home during the wet antics of the balloon throw. The Civinette event gave students a chance to drench their "favorite" teachers, but some found out that the balloons went both ways.



LIGHT MY FIRE — The flames rise at the annual bonfire on the night preceding the V-T clash. The cheerleaders later burned a Viking in effigy, to the delight of the crowd.



Ahoy mates!

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ange Band's pregame show at Viking Stone Castle. Despite the freezing November temperatures, the stands on both sides were packed, making the V-T game the most attended game of the season.

The first three-quarters of the game might have hampered the spirits of those seated on the Virginia High side, but the Bearcat spirit broke loose in the fourth quarter. Joe Taylor scored two touchdowns for the 'Cats in a valiant final effort to pull ahead. Taylor commented, "It

was rough to lose my last game, but I think everyone really put forth his best effort." Despite this sudden outburst of Bearcat enthusiasm, the score remained at 21-13 in the Vikings' favor when the clock finally ran out.

The loss of the game daunted spirits somewhat, but the memory of the previous week filled with fun and heightened spirits still remained in the minds of the students to help overcome the sense of defeat.



PEP TALK — Longtime Bearcat supporter Mary Harmon does her part to boost the spirits of the team and the students alike. Mrs. Harmon's traditional pep talk was yet another aspect of V-T week that the students had come to expect.

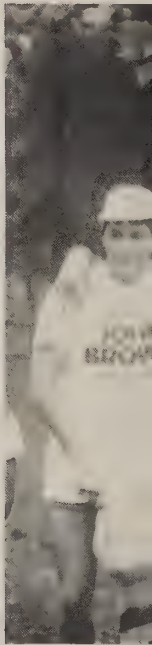
"NOW PAINT THIS RED" Science Club members Lisa Kiser, Albert Moore and Robin Herron are hard at work painting signs for V-T week. Clubs and organizations were able to decorate a hall for a fee of \$5, which contributed to the prize money awarded to the club with the best decorated hall.



NOW THAT'S SPIRIT — Helping decorate the halls during V-T Week, football players Jon Crutchfield and Matt Shy show their spirit. Several of the football players aided the cheerleaders in decorating the cafeteria and main hall.



HIT 'EM HARDER — At the pep rally before the Battle game, Jan Balthis approaches Coach Brown with a pie. Balthis took a step up the ladder as the students' cheers grew louder, when she reached the top, Coach Brown received the pie in his face.





WE'RE NUMBER ONE — One of the activities of V-T Week is the annual car parade. Prizes were awarded at the pep rally on Friday.

LET'S GO TEAM — The varsity football players gave vital support at the junior varsity games. Their spirit showed the JV team that everyone was behind them.



Making a difference

Spirit adds dimensions to everyday routine

We've got spirit, yes we do!" This cheer was heard continuously during various activities. Pep rallies promoted and exhibited student spirit. However, spirit was not limited only to sports, a growing interest in academics prevailed.

Whether it be preparing for Homecoming festivities, crosstown rivalries, band competition, vocational competi-

ALMOST THERE — The three-legged sack race is only one of the activities at a rally for John Brown at Waldo Miles. Tony Icenhour and Mike Mech won one of the many races run that day.

tions or campaigning for the local politicians, everyone got into the spirit.

The students exercised their spirit during pep rallies, however, these were just one of the means of exhibiting spirit. The seniors finally managed to build a single pyramid amid several disastrous attempts, while head cheerleader Jan Balthis hit John Brown in the face with a pie. Also, during basketball season, teachers and students dressed in the style of the '50's, in poodle skirts and lettermen sweaters. The teachers then led the student body in a series of cheers at the pep rally preceding the Gate City game. Todd Shy, senior basketball player, said, "The team appreciates fan support, it helps you go out there and try to win when you know everyone is behind you."

Homecoming, V-T Week and Bas-

OH DAHLING! As a part of the Homecoming pep rally, "Michelle" Mech and "Christine" Lane vie for the title of queen. "Michelle" was crowned queen after the student body voted by cheering for their favorite candidate.

ketball King and Queen, along with the rest of the games throughout the season, led to student involvement. Whether decorating or just showing support, Bearcat spirit always prevailed.

Band members also exhibited their spirit. Backing the athletes, the band also appreciated student support, Drum Major Lisa Kiser commented, "It's really a wonderful feeling to come off the field after giving all you've got and having someone compliment you and appreciate your effort."

Vocational spirit was also evident. Taking part in local, regional and state competitions, students' spirit was expressed through their various awards.

Students, whether in sports or academics, exemplified what true spirit really was. Bobby Blevins summed it up when he said, "Spirit lets you know that someone really cares about how you do."





PLEASE GIVE — Collecting for the Queen of Hearts, Michelle Widener and Sherry Wright help Lisa Crockett with her campaign for the heart fund. Crockett was named first runner-up by collecting over \$4,500.00 following Itsy Lowry who was crowned queen after raising over \$6,000.00.

AN EASY FRIDAY NIGHT — With the SWD crown on the line, avid 'Cat fans cheer their team onto another victory. Basketball games were a favorite winter activity because they allowed the students to get out and see their friends while cheering their team to their best season since 1964.



Below thirty-two

Snow flakes, snowmen and snow days, the typical winter. However, winter was also a time for both getting and giving.

One of the bright spots of winter circled around the thought of Christmas and the two week vacation which came with it. And with Christmas came snow.

When the snow started falling,

several plans began to unfold. Students went skiing or just stayed home and played in the snow. Junior Kris Cunningham took advantage of the snow as she competed in three ski races. Skiing for the Greenville Ski Club, she placed first at Ski Beech, while placing second at Appalachian Mountain.

Even when it did not snow, there were several events in which the students became involved. Basketball games, parties and just getting together with friends proved an effective outlet for escaping the indefinite monotony.

February, noted as heart month, focused around the Queen of Hearts contest. For the second year in a row, a Virginia High candidate, Itsy Lowry, was crowned queen.

Snow days, however, seemed to be the main item of interest during the winter. Listening to the radio, hearing the good news, and then being able to just roll back over and spend the day in bed had to be the epitome of laziness. Others, however, seemed to thrive with energy — jumping out of bed, dressing like eskimoes to race outside to play in the snow — a relief from school.

HAPPY B-DAY — On her eighteenth birthday, Lorre Hawkins celebrates with a party at McDonalds. Parties at McDonald served as a treat for kids of all ages.



IN YOUR EYE — Having a little fun, Eric Sandefur and Robbie Branson show David King who the biggest is. Winter was a popular season with students, not only because of missed school days, but also because it meant skiing and sledding.

TO THE TOP — With another day out of school, the best way to spend it is playing outside in the snow. Disregarding the usual snowman, this group decided to build their own version, a human pyramid.



Typically untypical

Rising at 6:00, stumbling into the shower and jumping into cars, students raced for spaces in the upper parking lot. Amid the din of engines and car stereos blaring Van Halen and Michael Jackson, the bell signalled the beginning of yet another day — another typically boring day, right? Wrong!

Students and teachers created the untypical day in order to combat the typical day blues. SCA President Marmi Jordan dressed for the occasion on Halloween. Looks of shock and disbelief appeared on students' faces as Jordan paraded through the halls dressed as a cluster of grapes!

During V-T week, the untypical ruled. Even Mother Nature could not prevent the craziness as several guys dressed in shorts and high tops during the first week of November. Pirates cast anchor and came ashore on Dress-Up day, terrorizing the halls with their sabers. Senior Brad

Shutes typified the untypical as he dressed in a clown costume, with makeup and all the works.

The first home basketball game provided more opportunities to deviate from the norm. Since the day had been declared 50's Dress-Up day, several teachers, as well as students, searched through their attics and found poodle skirts, letterman sweaters and leather jackets.

There were other methods of creating the untypical. One of the most popular consisted of surprising teachers and friends on birthdays and other occasions with a gift of balloons. Several local stores delivered "bouquets" of balloons for a small fee. Included on the list of surprised teachers were Coaches Dave Davis and Terry Caldwell, Mr. Randy White and Miss Sue Shaw. Sophomore Kim Pierce received balloons also, but with an added twist. A clown, equipped with a horn, paraded into the cafeteria and present-

ed her with a bouquet on her birthday.

With the ringing of the bell at 2:30, students piled back into their cars, with stereos blasting, and headed for home. Thus, the end of another "typical" day.

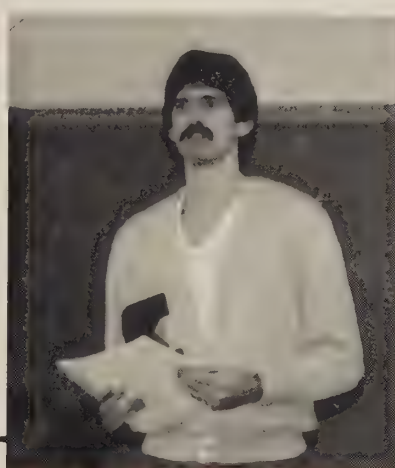
TO A DIFFERENT DRUM — Sophomore Christy Jones drums up support for the basketball squad's first outing. The pep rally had an effect as the 'Cats stopped Gate City 74-50.



"THE GANG'S ALL HERE!" Members of the junior and senior classes display their 'Cat pride during V-T week. Despite the weather, the guys wore shorts during the first week in November.

GREASE — Teachers display their 50's attire on "50's Day." The teachers who participated dug through their attics in search of poodle skirts and sweaters, and reflected upon their own high school days.





"UP, UP AND AWAY!" Mr. Randy White explains Milton's *Paradise Lost* with balloons in the background. White's third period English class presented him with the balloons for Christmas.

TYPICAL?! Mr. Kevin Sours, dressed in his high school letterman sweater, discusses a class assignment. Sours and other teachers dressed in 50's attire on the occasion of the first home basketball game.

Fashions to food

With the hit movie *Flashdance* came the wearing of torn sweatshirts and headbands. The "in-look" was sporty and comfortable which included hooded shirts, sweats and other such apparel. As students went out on weekends they usually wore this type of clothes.

Hardly a weekend passed without students wearing OP (Ocean Pacific) or Panama Jack sportswear. If a

student wanted to dress up a bit, he would either wear a Pier Connection or an oxford and perhaps a tie.

Students wore their hair in a variety of styles ranging from punk to permed. Cheryl Murphy, freshman, said "Anything and everything goes as far as hair styles are concerned for both males and females."

As for weekend eating places, tastes varied from McDonalds to the Red Lobster. Reasons for choosing a

particular restaurant depended on whether dining with friends, formally or with the family.

Pizza, an all-time favorite topped the list of preferred junk foods. Candy, ranging from Snickers bars to M & M's followed closely.

The agenda for the weekend ranged from parties to concerts. Students often went to a movie, especially if there were no concerts in town.



PUNK OR PERM? — Tammy Stroup tries to decide how to get her hair done. There was no set style, students did their own things.

A REAL THRILL — Tammy Dutton purchases Michael Jackson's latest album *Thriller*. This album was tops with students.



WHAT SHALL I SEE? Helena Holmquist, a foreign exchange student from Sweden, looks over movie choices. The

theatre was a popular and convenient place for spending a Saturday afternoon.



THIS IS CUTE — Missy Hayden browses through Foxmoor's clothes. Stores in the Mall provided convenient shopping.



LOOKING GOOD! Chip Harkrader, senior, models clothes from County Seat at the Mall fashion show, featuring a classy yet casual look. Several students took part in this event.



SHOW STOPPER — Sophomore Gerald Franklin portrays Michael Jackson in the video Billie Jean in the Spring Festival. Popular videos were performed by talented students.

"THRILLING" — Tabettha Gerdes and Bee Castle rehearse for their performance in the finale. *Thriller*. Many students named *Thriller* as their favorite dance in the Spring Festival.



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Students stage "M.T.V." take-off

Welcome to VTV" was the cry heard as the Spring Festival began on the evening of May 5. The theme was based on MTV (Music Television), a cable channel that plays videos of popular songs.

Directed by Mr. Randy White and Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit, the Spring Festival

included many popular songs and dance numbers. It also included a contest for students who vied for the title of Mr. and Mrs. Virginia High. Chris Icenhour served as Master of Ceremonies.

The crowd burst into applause when the curtain opened and Gerald Franklin danced to Michael

Jackson's **Billie Jean**. Numerous singers and dancers captivated the audience with such songs as **Tonight I Celebrate My Love** by Mike Sexton and Beth Loudy, **Girls Just Want To Have Fun** by Christi Jones and **Against All Odds** by Donna White. Dance num-

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SMOOTH MOVES — Members of the Uptown Express, Hugh Boren, William Johnston, Philip Williams, Paul Carter, Tyson Kress, Donald Hill and Freddie Delapp, on floor, perform the newest moves in dancing. Only a few talented students were able to master the moves of poppin' and breakin'.

DISGUSTING! Cassie Branson applies make-up to Donna Wreen, a dancer in *Thriller* as Lori Taylor waits to get hers touched up. The makeup that was applied often completely changed the appearance of the dancers.

THERE SHE IS — Patty Necessary, Lisa Crockett, Keelie Oar and Valerie Matthews spend some free moments talking in the dressing room. Crockett was unaware that she would be crowned Miss Virginia High less than an hour later.



SURPRISE! Sister and brother Lisa and David Crockett share the spotlight as Mr. and Miss Virginia High. They were the first siblings to ever receive this honor.

SMILE! Members of the Spring Festival cast pose for a publicity shot. Students were involved in every aspect of the production.



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bers included *Dancing In The Sheets* by Noel Dillow and Robin Detrick and videos from movie soundtracks such as *Flashdance* — *What A Feelin'* by Kelli Walker and *Footloose* by Bee Castle.

Uptown Express, a men's dance group, received a standing ovation for their stylish "popping", the newest dancing style. According to a survey, this group was the favorite dance of all. Lisa Tilley summed it up by saying, "The moves that they made were good, and overall it was exciting."

A very important part of the Spring Festival was the Mr. and Miss Virginia High contest. There were thirty-two couples involved, and these couples were elected by various clubs and classes to represent them.

Preliminary judging took place in the auxiliary gym, and after an intermission the top ten semi-finalists were introduced to the judges for a

final look to pick the King and Queen and runners-up. The top ten were: Valerie Matthews and Kevin Jessee; Lisa Kiser and Joe Almany; Tabetha Gerdes and Eric Sikorski; Kim Ramey and Chris Oliver; Melissa Hutton and Steve Hall; Keelie Oar and David Crockett; Lisa Crockett and Tyson Kress; Patty Necessary and Tim Faulkner; Robin Sprouse and Keith Childress and Noel Dillow and Mitch Rector.

As the second half of the performance drew to a close, there was an unusual closing act simply titled "Finale". The lights went down and suddenly VTV's *Thriller* began. Bee Castle and Tabetha Gerdes danced across the stage. Monsters of all shapes and sizes appeared, and then the ghouls and Castle danced a dance that resembled the one in Michael Jackson's video perfectly. As the curtain came down, the audience applauded wildly.

After *Thriller* was performed, the

only item left on the agenda was to announce the new King and Queen. Fourth runners-up were Valerie Matthews and Joe Almany; third runners-up were Melissa Hutton and Kevin Jessee; second runners-up were Patty Necessary and Keith Childress and first runners-up were Tabetha Gerdes and Chris Oliver. Finally, the new Mr. and Miss Virginia High were announced: Lisa Crockett and David Crockett. Tears fell and happy hugs of congratulations were exchanged as the first brother-sister King and Queen were crowned by last year's King and Queen, Valerie Miller and Dennis Hushour.

The end of the program provided a welcome release from scattered nerves of all those involved. But memories of the action-packed night were not to be forgotten by the participants who provided the excitement.



SPARE TIME — Tim Faulkner, Robin Sprouse and Kim Ramey relax in the halls before they make their final appearance on stage. All three were finalists in the top ten.

BOO! Members of the *Thriller* cast goof off between rehearsals. Many good times were enjoyed by the students as they put the production together.

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Moonlight, memories accent prom

A night of dinner, dancing and moonlight, most would say a night to remember.

The Junior-Senior Prom, held at the Bristol Country Club, provided an enjoyable evening with good company and fond memories.

Sponsored by the junior class, plans were started early in the year with the annual magazine sale held in order to raise money for the Prom. The juniors were responsible for providing decorations, refreshments and music.

The music was provided by *Mobile Dance*, a professional portable entertainment service from Newport, TN. The music, along with a light show, featured non-stop music,

lights, fog and action.

As plans began to take shape, the romantic conception of lovestruck teenagers crept into the thoughts of those with dates.

As the night arrived, corsages were picked up and pictures were taken. Then, the evening began with dinner. Couples selected a variety of local restaurants including PJ Brown's and the Hardware Com-

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THE LOOK OF LOVE — With a moment alone, Tammy Richards and Derrick Nottingham share a private thought. Couples took advantage of the balcony to spend a few moments alone.



IT ALL LOOKS SO GOOD — Looking over the refreshments, Tammy Bowers and Bobby Tipton take a few minutes from their dancing to get a bite to eat. The food was prepared and served by the staff of the Country Club.



DANCIN' THE NIGHT AWAY — Dancing to the music provided by Mobile Dance, Becky Jackson and Ricky Fisher enjoy their night together. Mobile Dance provided a sound and light show featuring non-stop music, lights and action.

PRIVATE MOMENTS — Spending a few minutes alone, John Mort and Natalie Thomas enjoy a kiss on the balcony. Romance filled the air and stirred the hearts of the couples throughout the evening.



THAT LOOKS GOOD — Taking a break, Lynn Thomas stops to get a glass of punch. The Country Club provided an elegant setting for the Prom.



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pany in Abingdon to the Red Lobster and Augustino's in Johnson City.

After dinner, the couples proceeded to the Country Club where the festivities began. After having their pictures taken, couples took advantage of the dance floor, as well as the lounge and the balcony.

With the moon shining over the eighteenth green, thoughts of love crept into the minds of the couples spending a few minutes alone on the balcony. For those on the dance floor, the numerous slow songs provided a chance for them to be close.

Senior Lisa Kiser commented, "The Prom will certainly be one of

the most cherished memories of my senior year. The night couldn't have been more perfect." Bobby Blevins also said, "The Prom is a very memorable occasion which everyone looks forward to. The memories of prom night will remain with me."



WHAT A NIGHT — Resting between dances, Jon Crutchfield, Susan Waddell, Cindy Cross, Lisa McCroskey, Tracy Parker and Michelle Bussey enjoy the music provided by Mobile Dance. As voted by the junior and senior classes, the music was provided by a professional portable entertainment service.

UNDER THE STARS — Joining the other couples on the dance floor, Trevor Mathes and Erika Romanoff enjoy the variety of music provided by Mobile Dance. With each song, couples crowded the floor during the festive night.





OH, MY FEET — Resting their feet, Sharon Smith and Rhonda Carter take a break to give themselves a chance to breathe. Students often took a break to relax in the lounge and dining area while talking with their friends.



IS THAT SO? Grabbing a bite to eat, Jill Cruchfield and Michael Grigsby help themselves to the refreshments. Memories of the Prom remained in the couples' minds long after the evening ended.

Efforts rewarded

Outstanding academic, vocational students recognized

Lighting candles, congratulating handshakes, flashing flashcubes and clapping hands of proud parents — what did these things have in common? The PTA Departmental Awards program was presented May 8 in the auditorium.

The program began with the call to order by PTA President Jim Geiger. The invocation was led by Marmi Jordan and the pledge to the flag was led by Amy Geiger. After the installation of new PTA officers, Miss Annette Acuff, chairman of the awards committee, introduced platform guests and department chairman. Award winners included.

Art — Danny Payne, Amy Cheng, Pete Green, Marmi Jordan and Jody Long; Art Contest winners were Marmi Jordan, Cindy Bowers, Jody Long, Pete Green, Neil Cunningham, Jean Boggs, Tabetha Gerdes, Darryl Milligan, William Carter, David Frackelton, Jeff Moyers, Vickie Cross, Angie Carico, Amy Rainero, Amy Cheng, Bettina Ly, Dana McKenna, Todd Morrison,

Richard Shuffler, Jenny Elkins and George Fields.

Auto Mechanics — Larry Collins and Edward Leonard.

Business Education — Angie Scott, Stephanie Crewer, Julia Mullins, Jeana Mink, Kelli Walker, Cindy Horton, Angie Owens and Amy Geiger; Service Award winners were Norman Roberts, Jeana Mink, Tracey Brown and Lorre Hawkins.

Cosmetology — Shellie Epling, Beatrice Mitchell and Kathy Carroll.

Distributive Education — Jack C. Cummins Award, Tammy Ferguson; Outstanding Students — Owen Morrison, Lisa Sykes and Kim Quillen.

Drafting — Outstanding Performance — Chris Jessee; Highest Averages — Danny Gilliam, Jarvis Offield and Kevin Worley.

English — Todd Shy, Chris Icenhour, Cindy Bowers, Jeff Shelton, Suzanne Corley, Kelli Walker, Michelle Barron and April Dillow.

Debate — District Tournament winners Affirmative Team, Tracie Hennes and Amy Hill; Negative

Team, Lisa Chiang and Phil Chorosevic.

Drama — Tony Icenhour, Brian Widener and Lawrence White.

Technical Theater — Mark Groves and Lee Statzer.

Publications — Newspaper, Todd Shy, Kellie Oar and Jennifer Kinkead. Yearbook, Tim Faulkner, Melissa Brooks and Donna Stroup.

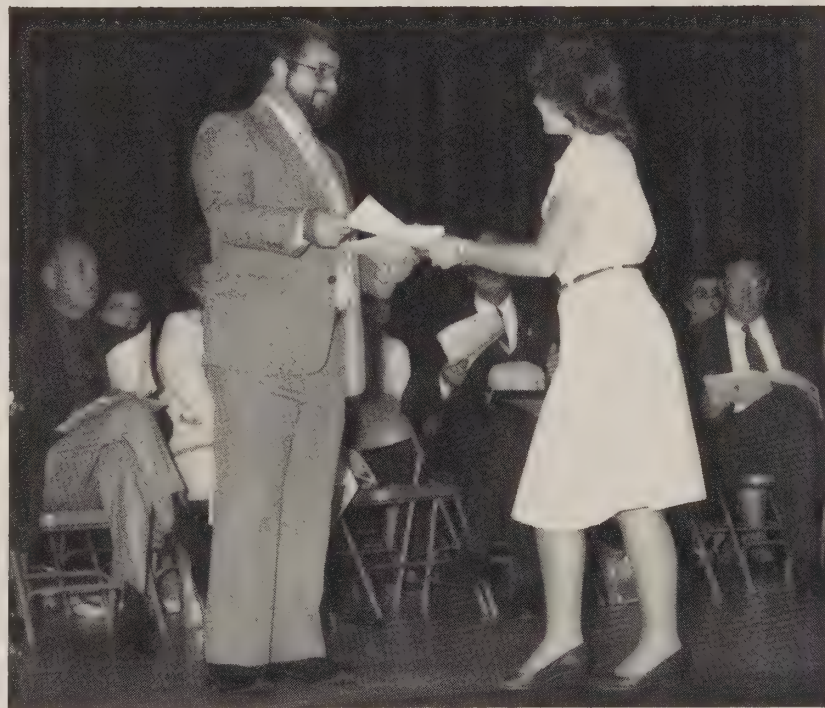
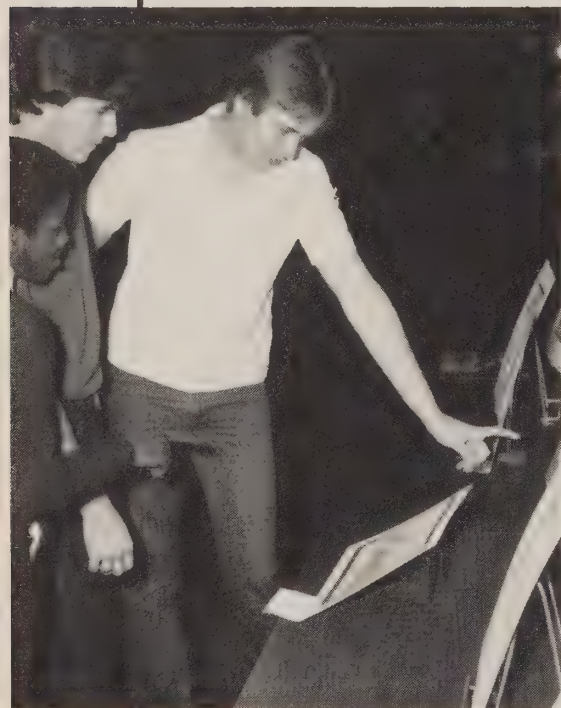
Foreign Language — French, Michelle Hayter, Tammy Bowers, Suzanne Corley, Angie Icenhour and Michelle Humbert. Latin, Kevin Jessee, Bobby Tipton, Valerie Wood, Cindy Smith, Michelle Barron, and April Dillow. Spanish, Todd Shy, Tonnie Moretz, Cathy Lawson and Chandra Ables.

Health Assistants — Angie Carico and Melissa Hillard.

Home Economics — Tracy Lewis.

Industrial Arts — John Dixon, John Icenhour, Deacon Matthews, Butch Selfe, Jeff Suratt, Mike Powell

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THIS IS GOOD — C.C. Birdwell, Don Grady, and Eddie Corns examine art work that is on display. The art was exhibited in the concourse between the gym and the auditorium.

THANKS! Dr. Bob Burchette gives Cindy Campbell an award for her score on the National Educational Development Tests. Among the presentors were many platform guests.



BEAUTIFUL — Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Campbell look at art work before the Awards Program. Many parents came to the program early look at the art display.

CONGRATULATIONS! Principal Tim Outlaw congratulates Amy Hill on her award for winning in the district debate tournament by the affirmative team. Contest winners as well as academic achievements were recognized at the program.



BEATING THE RUSH — Mr. Bob Guffy, Mr. John Brown, SSC Douglas Rysewyk and Mr. Paul Ackley enjoy the refreshments provided by the P.T.A. This gave parents, students, teachers and guests a chance to talk.

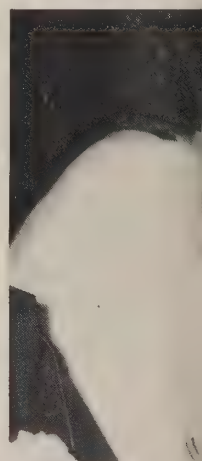


ALL SMILES — Vocational Director Paul Dugger congratulates Todd Shy after he receives an award. Shy was presented with seven awards as well as being named salutatorian.

SCHOLAR AND ATHLETE — SSC Douglas Rysewyk awards Tracey Brown with the United States Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award. Kevin Jessee was the boys' winner of this award.



LOOK AT THIS — A group of parents admire a painting done by an art student. Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit's and Mrs. Mildred Copenhaver's students provided the artwork.





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WECEP (Work Experience Co-operative Education Program) — Tim Gibson and Tammy Peters.

Math — Tim Faulkner, Steve Smith, Suzanne Corley, Carl Hayter, Pete Green, Michelle Bobbitt, Melo-

PROUD ARTIST — Marmi Jordan looks proudly at her ceramic arrangement. Ceramics, projects of Art III, were on display along with other art work.

TRY THIS — Families, students and guests gather at the refreshment table after the program. The awards program was the final PTA meeting.

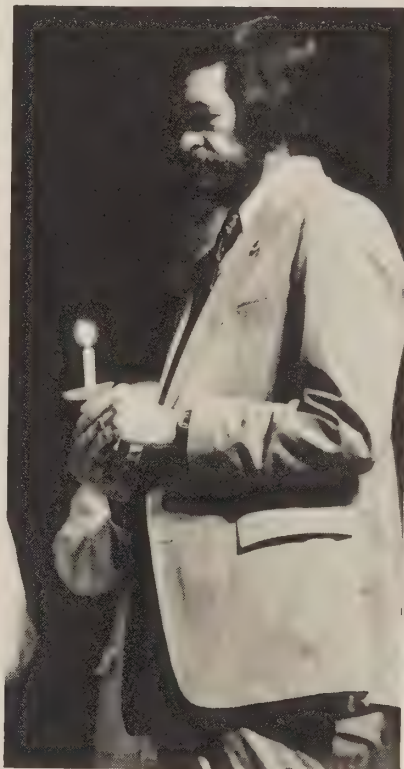
dy Smith, Lisa Roberts and Eric White.

Printing — Printer of the Year, Randy Salyer; First Runner-up, Regina Eller.

Science — Tim Faulkner, Roger Counts, Todd Shy, Lee Freeman, Angie Icenhour, Sherrie Faust, and Polly Sutherland.

Social Studies — Todd Shy, Chris Lane, Cindy Bowers, Cathy Lawson, Mitch Rector, Charles Dye, Eric Quillen and Cindy Campbell; Essay Contest Award, Jarvis Offield; Fort Chiswell Chapter DAR Highest Average in U.S. History, Cathy Lawson; Woodmen of the world Highest Average in A.P. History, Cindy Bowers.

National Education Development Tests — Cindy Campbell, Suzanne Corley, Angela Courtney, Stephanie Leonard, Lori Taylor, Matt Thiel, and Patrick Widener.



RETURNING PRESIDENT — Mr. Jim Geiger holds his candle as others are initiated into the Virginia High PTA. Geiger returned as president of the local chapter.

HISTORY WINNERS — Mrs. George M. Warren, Jr. presents Cathy Lawson and Jarvis Offield with their awards from the History department.

Cream of the crop

A 1600 SAT score, horned-rimmed glasses and a slide rule permanently located in a pocket did not necessarily add up to an honors student. These students reaped awards in all spheres of school — academic, artistic, musical and vocational.

Seniors Todd Shy and Tim Faulkner attended the Governor's School for the Gifted during the summer, while juniors Cindy and Tammy Bowers became the first twins chosen to attend this program. Members of the faculty selected Jeff Shelton to attend the American Legion Boys' State during the summer, a program which Faulkner also attended. In contrasting the programs, Faulkner commented, "I liked Boys' State but the overall atmosphere of the Governor's School provided more opportunities for creativity."

Seniors April Spangler, Michelle Hayter and Melissa Brooks spent five weeks in the King Fellow Program at King College in Bristol, Tenn. Spangler and Hayter took a course in psychology while Brooks spent her time in a calculus course

in a program that united students from several states.

In the sphere of the arts, several students attended the Governor's School for the Arts in Roanoke, Va. Included in this group were seniors Marmi Jordan, Brad Shutes and Robb Smith. Two juniors, Tammy Bowers and Darryl Milligan, spent several days at the Virginia Museum's "Three Days in March" program under the supervision of Dr. Bobby Burchette. These students were selected by the faculty under academic and artistic considerations.

The Big Orange Band gained its second consecutive state championship, a feat for which all participants earned hearty commendations. Four choral students also picked up top honors in state competition, gaining positions in the All-State choir. This

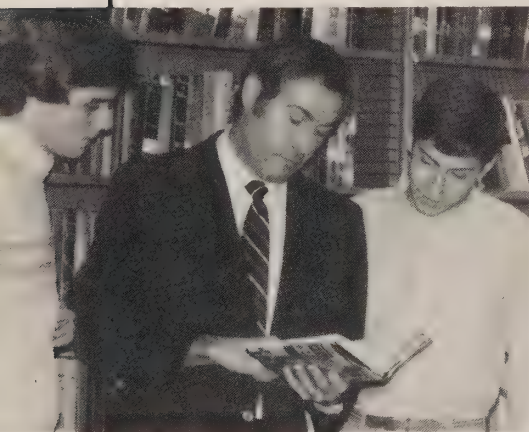
list included Tony Icenhour, Brad Shutes, Robb Smith and Dawn Williams.

Numerous students also gained vocational honors. In the District VIII VICA Competition, there were five first-place winners: Kevin Statzer — architectural drafting, Chris Jesse — machine drafting, Karen Jessee — club scrapbook, Michelle Thompson — job interview and Rob Hancock — spelling. Senior Lynn Thomas gained the title of "Girl Student of the Year."

In all spheres of student life, honor students rose to the top. In areas ranging from academics to art to music to vocational activities, a wide variety of students gained awards. Thus, the stereotype of an egghead with horned-rimmed glasses certainly did not apply to the honors winners.

"NEXT QUESTION" — Juniors Tammy and Cindy Bowers listen intently during an interview with the local paper. The sisters became the first twins selected to attend the Governor's School for the Gifted.

PEARLY WHITES — Senior Robb Smith flashes a smile after receiving another award for his musical accomplishments. Smith, a member of the All-State chorus, attended the Governor's School for the Arts during the past summer.



"IT'S LIKE THIS" — Mr. Frank Mitchell points out a fact to Tim Faulkner and Todd Shy. With Mr. Mitchell's encouragement, both students had scores of five on the Advanced Placement United States History Exam, the highest possible score.



TAKE YOUR TIME — Senior Kathy Carroll works on model Lisa Trail as a judge takes note. Carroll consistently received first-place ratings in cosmetology competition.



"CONGRATULATIONS!" Mrs. Mary Tuggle, Vice-President in charge of personnel from Dominion Bank, presents a certificate of appreciation for service to the FBLA and the business department to senior Norman Roberts, as

Mrs. Brenda Abernathy and Mr. Ray Hooper proudly look on. Roberts became one of numerous vocational students to be honored by their various departments.



FINALLY! Holding fast to her newly acquired diploma, Angie Baumgardner returns to her seat after having her tassel turned by Principal A.T. Outlaw. Most seniors could breathe a sigh of relief once they had their diploma in their hand.

WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR? Joyce Brown gives Allan Hughes' tie a last-minute straightening before the processional into the Baccalaureate service. Baccalaureate was held in the Hamp "Pappy" Richardson Memorial Auditorium at 5 p.m.



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Seniors display mixed emotions

As the year wound down to the final days, the awareness that graduation — the occasion that the seniors had hoped for, longed for, strived for, and sweated for — was soon to become a reality provoked a variety of emotions in the 214 seniors who composed the "Class of '84."

Some were melancholy, some were exultant, most were relieved, and some of the more cynical ones maintained the I-won't-believe-it-until-the-diploma-is-in-my-hand attitude right up until the final echos of *Pomp and Circumstance* could be heard in the gym. Consequently, most of the tears were not shed until after the recessional when graduates, family and friends gathered in the concourse to exchange hugs and kisses, hopes and prayers, and congratulations.

Commencement ceremonies officially began with the Baccalaureate service which was held on June 3.

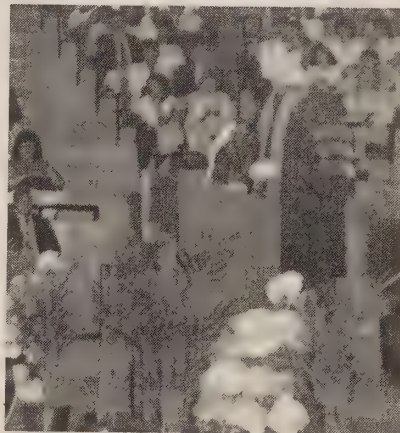
Dr. Willis Alexander Johnson, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church, was the speaker. Ushers for the Baccalaureate service, chosen from the top academic young men in the junior class, included Benjamin Buchanan, Mark Daniels, Walter Dannhardt, Charlie Dye, Kevin Farmer, Darryl Milligan, Jarvis Offield, David Roberts, Jeff Shelton and Stephen Smith.

The next weekend, on June 8, graduation began at 8 p.m. with the Big Orange Band playing *Pomp and Circumstance*. Rev Lester McKinnon of Fellowship Chapel gave the invocation, followed by Senior Class President Mitch Rector, who gave the welcome. The concert choir then performed *The Impossible Dream* (Leigh and Darion) and *My Wish for You* (Beall and Carter).

Principal A.T. Outlaw recognized ten seniors for academic excellence. These were from first to tenth: Tim

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THE FINAL WORD — Amid flowers and potted palms, Dr. James E. Martin Jr., president of Virginia Intermont College, delivers the Commencement address to the Class of '84. Commencement exercises were held in the new gym complex.



FORWARD, MARCH! The graduates, led by Principal A.T. Outlaw, Dr. W.A. Johnson, Asst. Principal Paul Hurley and ushers Stephen Smith and Jeff Shelton, are about to process into the auditorium for the Baccalaureate service. Dr. Johnson, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church, gave the Scripture reading and the sermon at the service.

A HELPING HAND — Mrs. Phyllis Bradley helps some young men get their mortarboards on straight with the tassels on the correct side. Mrs. Bradley and her husband, Mr. Lawrence "Burrhead" Bradley, were also "graduates", as they both retired after many years of service to the school.

FINAL TOUCH — Salutatorian Todd Shy and Chip Harkrader reassure each other that nothing is amiss while waiting for the Baccalaureate service to begin. Shy and Harkrader were co-workers on the *Virginian Times* staff.



WHAT'S UP? Principal A.T. Outlaw gives the graduates last minute instructions before the processional begins. Outlaw remarked that "this is one of the finest groups of young people that have come through here."





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Faulkner, Todd Shy, Marmi Jordan and Tammy Richards, who tied for third, Albert Moore, Melissa Brooks, Michelle Hayter, Tony Icenhour, Chris Icenhour and April Spangler.

Then, following an introduction by Bristol Virginia School Board chairperson Louise Bowdoin, the President of Virginia Intermont College Dr. James E. Martin Jr. delivered the commencement address. The diplomas were then awarded by Superintendent of Schools Jack French, Principal A.T. Outlaw, Vocational Education Director Paul

Dugger and Asst. Principal Paul Hurley. Ushers for graduation were Cindy Bowers, Tammy Bowers, Amy Geiger, Cathy Lawson, Jennifer Mink, Beatrice Mitchell, Tonnie Moretz, Toni Shockley, Becky Webb and Valerie Wood.

After receiving their diplomas, the graduates filed out of the gym to the tune of *Die Meistersinger*, an impressive procession of blue and white. Some were in tears, some were overjoyed, but almost all of them had one feeling in common — a feeling of accomplishment.



ALL SMILES — Ushers Tonnie Moretz and Becky Webb greet the graduates with a smile as they file into the gym. Ushers for graduation were selected from the top female students, academically, in the junior class.

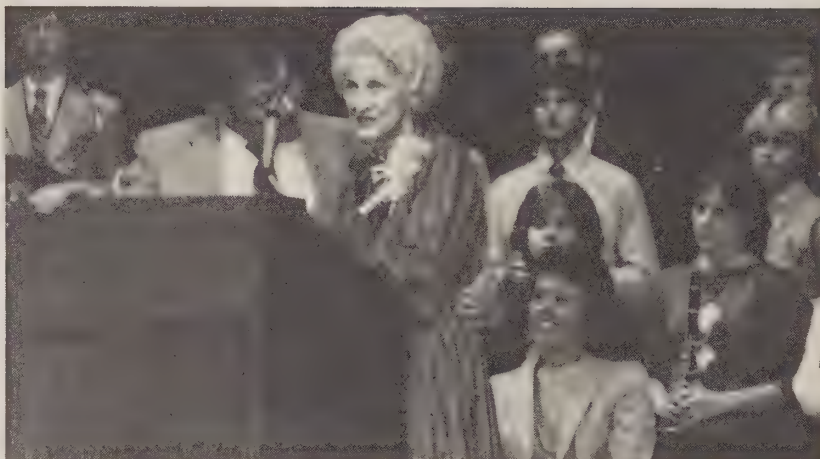
THE CLASS OF '84 — Having filed into the gym to the rhythm of *Pomp and Circumstance*, the graduates await their diplomas. Two hundred and fourteen seniors graduated.

THIS SECTION — Pointing out on a map a certain section of town, Herb Peters explains the situation to Todd Shy and Michelle Hayter. Shy became Mayor while Hayter became City Manager during a student in government day.

HER HIGHNESS — Accepting her crown of victory, sophomore Itsy Lowry becomes the Queen Of Hearts. The contest raised over \$22,000 for the American Heart Association.

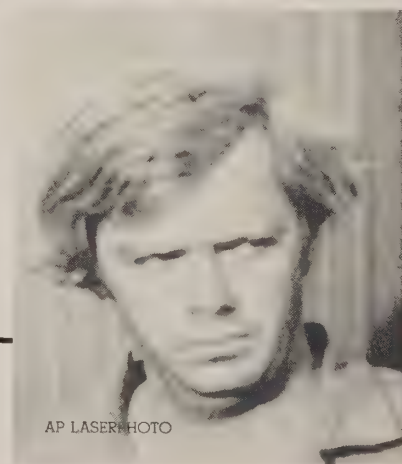


MUD MASTERS — Removing sludge from Boone Lake was the objective of this machine. The sludge problem was solved after negotiations between Boone Lake residents and the city councils.



THANK-YOU — Accepting the honor in the name of her husband, Mrs. "Pappy" Richardson receives the award from former superintendent Royce Quarles. The auditorium was officially named the Hamp "Pappy" Richardson Memorial Auditorium.

CONVICT — Bristolians feared their safety as escaped convict James Clegg was suspected to be in the area. Clegg was captured after a 19-day manhunt in North Carolina.



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HI THERE — Meeting someone you know on State Street was much easier as the downtown renovation was com-

pleted. Susan Sikora and Mandi Steele were shopping when they were caught off guard.



ROLL 'EM — In front of the camera, star Sissy Spacek goes to work. The movie, "The River", co-starred Mel Gibson.



New names, faces

Bristolians see action from movie stars, Mud Master

Making a movie and the renovation of the downtown area were among the activities occupying the interests of Bristolians, along with sludge clean-up and the fear of an escaped convict being on the loose in the area.

During mid-November, the marquee of the empty and closed Paramount theatre glowed for the first time in years, as the cast and crew of the movie "The River" assembled on State Street to shoot a scene for the film. The sidewalks and nearby buildings were crammed with people who had hopes of catching a

SHOWTIME — Sissy Spacek faces the camera in a scene for her latest movie. Fans gathered each day to catch a glimpse of the star.

glimpse or an autograph of star Sissy Spacek or co-star Mel Gibson. The movie was being filmed primarily on the Holston River, near Kingsport, Tenn. and the filming was completed in mid-December.

The downtown area received a facelift as Bristol Virginia and Bristol Tennessee combined their efforts to give the area a new look. With the widening of State Street and the addition of trees and benches, both city councils had hopes of attracting more customers to the downtown area. The total cost of the renovation came to over \$410,000.00.

During the month of February, six young contestants and their helpers, three from Virginia High and three from Tennessee High, could be

found on the streets of Bristol campaigning for the annual Queen of Hearts contest. Sophomore Itsy Lowry received the crown as Virginia High took the honor for the second consecutive year. The contest, which was sponsored by the American Heart Association raised over \$22,000.00. In the political sector of Bristol, the city councils of both sides of town were challenged by Boone Lake residents to help remove sludge from the lake. The sludge was the outcome of sewage being dumped into the lake by the cities. After several weeks of work, the problem was overcome with the help of the Mud Master, a machine used to remove sludge from the water.

QUIET TIME — Marine Private Bruce Herbig takes time to catch up on reading in a bunker near the Beirut airport. Druse artillery almost constantly plagued the Marines, increasing the value of such quiet moments.

JUST WATCH AND WAIT — Junior Sharon Smith, her younger sister and her mother watch news concerning the invasion of Grenada. Smith's brother Greg participated in this action.



WAR GAMES? Military personnel confer at headquarters in the Honduras. This area served as a stopover and training ground for Marines who eventually saw action in Grenada and Beirut.



HOMEWARD BOUND — A NASA ground crew member takes time to observe the landing of the Space Shuttle Columbia. The Columbia took part in numerous missions before the Challenger took over.



C controversies

Conflict seemed to be an appropriate word to describe the world scene. From Afghanistan to Central America to Lebanon, controversies dominated press releases.

The Soviet downing of a Korean passenger plane aroused much emotion and American military involvement in Lebanon and El Salvador created numerous disputes, but the United States' invasion of Grenada struck closer to home, as Greg Smith, the brother of junior Sharon Smith, participated in the action. Smith commented, "It seemed like an eternity before we found out he was in Grenada. It was pretty scary knowing that he was walking from one war zone to another, because as soon as he finished in Grenada, he had to go on to Beirut."

Domestic squabbles ranged from the budget deficit to school prayer. However, the Democratic presidential nomination garnered most of the media attention as the battle narrowed to two — former Vice-President Walter Mondale and Colorado Senator Gary Hart.

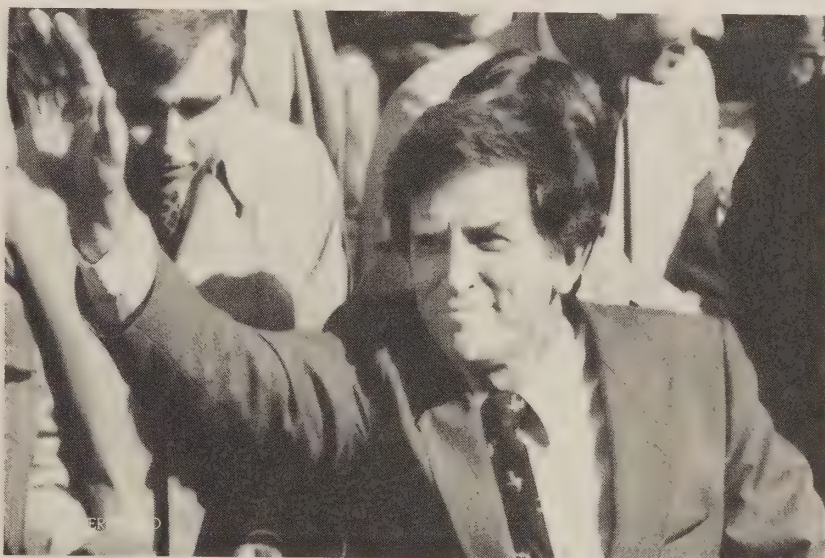
The space shuttle Challenger took over for the Columbia and the entire world witnessed the first untethered space walk by astronaut Bruce McCandless. Further voyages included the unsuccessful launchings of two satellites from the shuttle and

the recovery of another for repairs.

Several deaths also marred the headlines, the most prominent of which was the death of Soviet Premier Yuri Andropov after a long illness. Konstantin Chernenko replaced Andropov as leader of the Soviet Communist Party. Former Idaho Senator Frank Church, prominent in American politics for many years, died of cancer at age 59. In a more shocking event, Motown singer Marvin Gaye died from gunshot wounds inflicted by his father during a family quarrel. Yet, one of the most tragic events occurred with the

death of David Kennedy. Florida police who discovered the body of the 28-year old son of Robert Kennedy in a prominent Palm Beach hotel, attributed the death to a drug-related accident.

The year renewed old conflicts in Lebanon and Central America, while trouble in Africa and Asia continued. Yet, in the midst of this terror, the year also spawned new hopes for the future in the form of the space shuttle and improvements in the nation's economic conditions. Unfortunately, controversy did dominate the year's happenings.

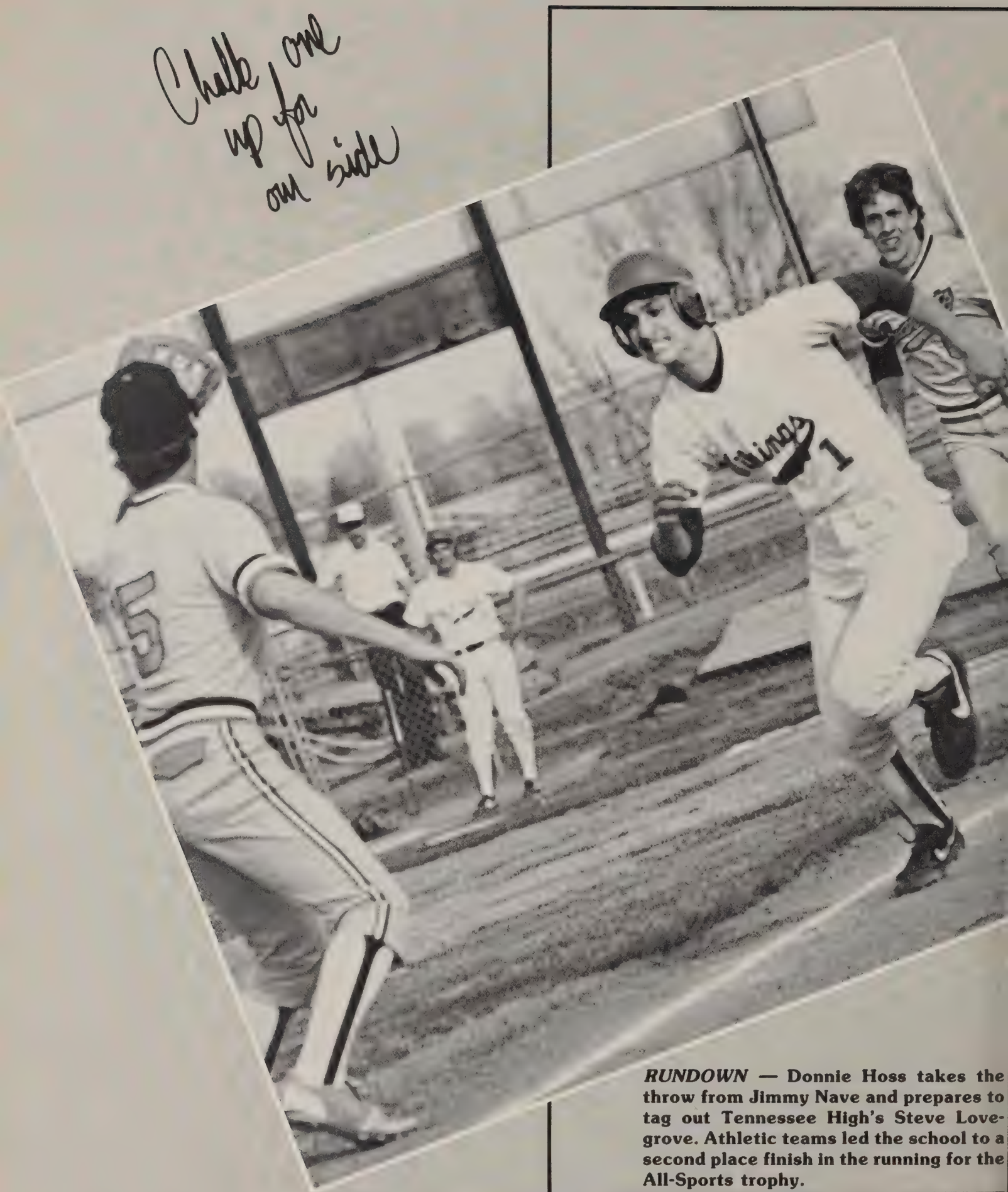


SLIGHT OF HAND — Senator Gary Hart pauses from his presidential campaign to wave to the crowd in Maine. Through somewhat magical means, Hart pulled off several stunning victories in New England.



DEMOCRACY? Demonstrators in Manila demand the resignation of President Ferdinand E. Marcos during a rally. Events such as the mysterious death of opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino led his supporters to believe that democracy had died.

Chalk one
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RUNDOWN — Donnie Hoss takes the throw from Jimmy Nave and prepares to tag out Tennessee High's Steve Lovegrove. Athletic teams led the school to a second place finish in the running for the All-Sports trophy.

Over opponents

Athletes, squads share honors, crowns

No Magic Johnsons, John McEnroes or Carl Lewises blessed the athletic department. There were no Los Angeles Raiders, Georgetown Hoyas or Edmonton Oilers, but the Bearcat athletic squads still flourished.

Both the basketball squad and the men's tennis team ended championship droughts by claiming Southwest District crowns. The basketball team, which claimed its first SWD title in twenty years, eventually fell in the Regional IV semi-finals. The tennis team also swept the Region IV title before falling in the AA State semi-finals to Martinsville.

Several individual performers garnered honors. Kevin Jessee, senior point guard, became the Region IV Player-of-the-Year and was named to the second team All-

State basketball squad. Senior Bobby Blewins shared Region IV Player-of-the-Year honors in tennis with Radford's Chris Dobbins. Tyrone Mitchell and Tracey Brown claimed James Farmer Awards as top male and female athletes.

Other athletes distinguished themselves through outstanding performances. Senior William Carter placed third in the 800 meter in the AA State meet. Freshman Aaron Thomas and junior Amy Geiger set numerous school records during swimming season. Another freshman, Angie Rutledge, led the girls' basketball squad in scoring.

Despite the absence of any state champions from the athletic roster, coaches and athletes alike earned the right to exclaim, "We chalked one up for our side!"

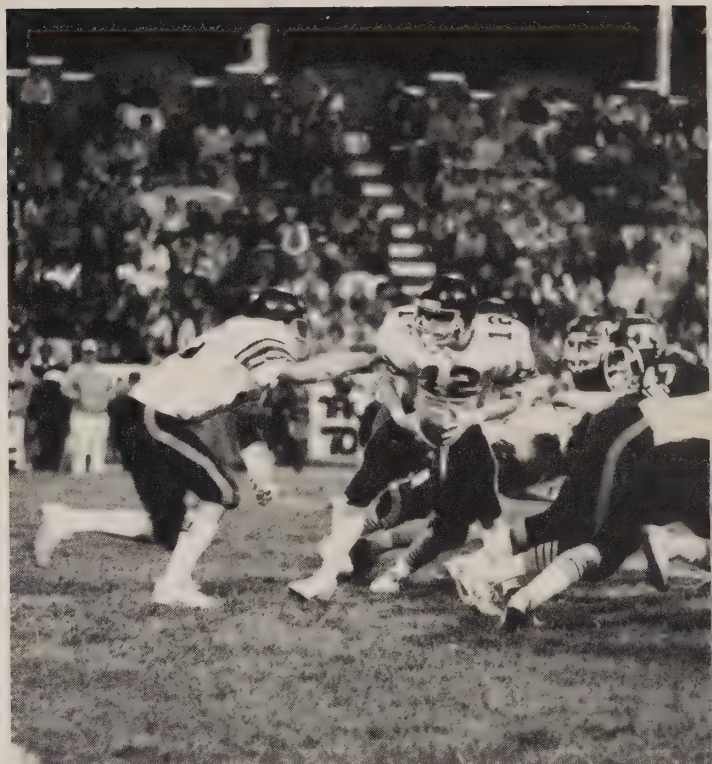


GOODIES! Seniors Steve Pope, Chip Thompson and Tyson Kress peek into the goody bag prepared by cheerleader Tabetha Gerdes. The cheerleaders fixed such snacks for both the football and basketball squads.

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD — Coach Tom Parker walks off the field after talking with the players. The strategy played an important part in many of the games.



GRAB IT AND GROWL! Quarterback Mark Daniels gives a quick handoff to Chris Hawthorne during a game at Tennessee High. The Bearcats fought hard, but lost the game 21 to 13.



With a fast start and gaining experience, Cats made best of bad

SITUATION

Being a small but experienced team comprised of mostly juniors and seniors, the Bearcats struggled through the season to a 5-5 record.

Starting out tough with a 4-1 record, the 'Cats rolled over such teams as Grundy, Lebanon and Marion. Probably one of the toughest losses was to rival Abingdon High, who rallied back from last season's loss to defeat the Bearcats 14-7.

Though the team looked poor at times, they had several outstanding performances such as a 48-0 defeat they handed Patrick Henry. This victory was payment for two

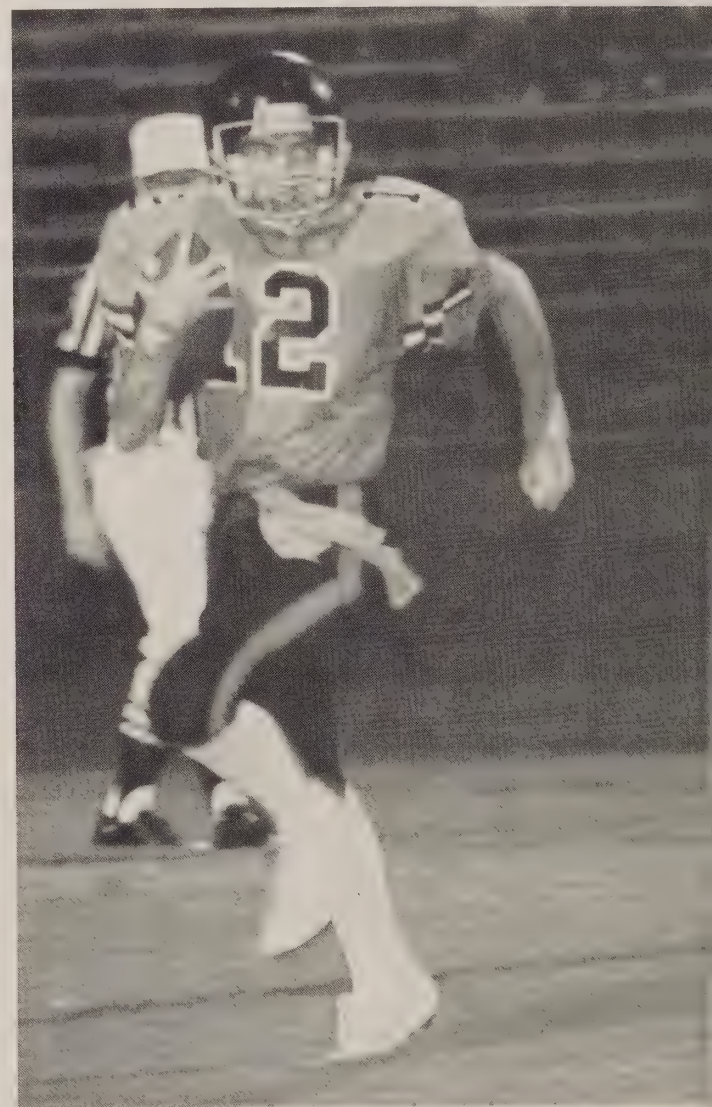
straight season losses to them. The home crowd stayed on its feet most of the night as the Bearcats went coast-to-coast seven times. Also, senior running back Tyrone Mitchell rushed for 112 yards.

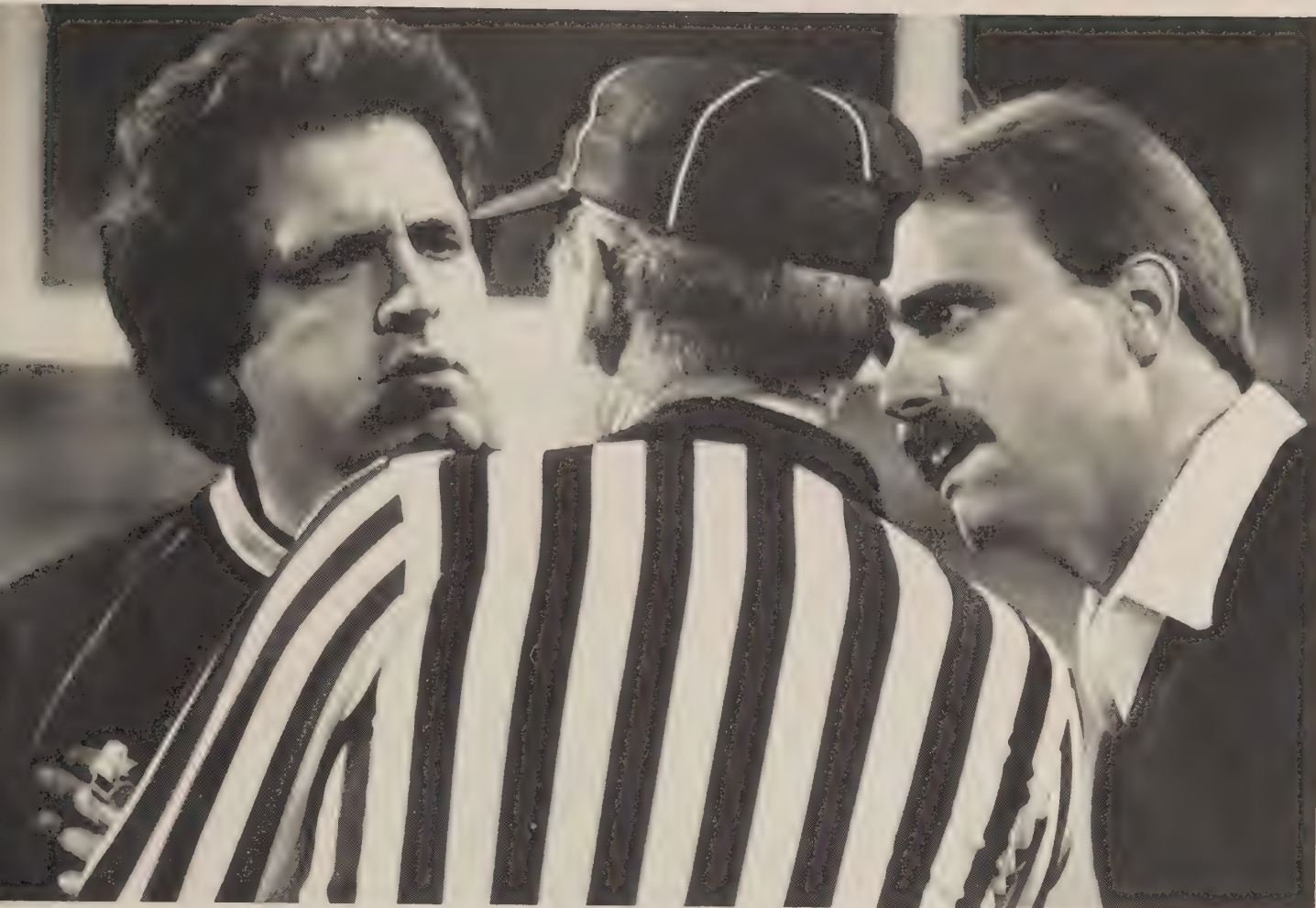
The second half of the season, however, was filled with its disappointments as the 'Cats went 1-4 losing to such teams as Tazewell, Gate City, Richlands and arch-rival Tennessee High. The 'Cats did, however, soundly defeat the Battle Trojans.

The V-T game once again seemed to follow that unwritten rule that "no matter" how good either team is or no matter what predictions are made,

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OFF TO THE RACES! Mark Daniels gains yardage as he runs down field. A junior, this was Daniels' first year as varsity quarterback.





SAY WHAT? Coaches Larry Lusk and Jim Norton discuss a call with the referee. Disputes over calls often ended with bad feelings between coaches and referees.



I'VE GOT HIM! Donnie Hoss helps bring down a ball carrier. Repeated tackling practices made such take-downs easy, and provided the team with a strong defensive squad.

AN OPENING! Joe Taylor looks for a chance to score against the opponent. Taylor often broke through to score in many games throughout the season.

CATCH IT PLEASE! Quarterback Mark Daniels throws the football to a receiver. It was the job of the quarterback to get the ball there on time.



I'LL GET IT — Joe Taylor makes a move to catch the football before it hits the ground. A good backfield was one of the strong points of the team.



◀ continued **Situation**

it will be an unpredictably close game". At the gun, the Vikings had prevailed 21-13. Impressive statistics were reached by the 'Cats though as they rushed for 122 yards and passed for 109 yards.

Overall, it was a very frustrating season for the Bearcats as they watched their record fall from 4-1 to 5-5. Senior Chip Harkrader commented, "The most frustrating thing about the whole season was

the fact that we were a much better team than we showed at times. We just couldn't seem to get anything going."

Shortly after the beleaguered 'Cats season had ended, Head Coach Larry Lusk announced his resignation. The move foreseen as inevitable by many, ended a three-year career in which Lusk accumulated a 14-16 overall record with only one winning season.

IT'S OFF! — Chip Thompson gets off a good kick while Steve Pope blocks oncoming defenders. Fourth-down plays sometimes required the kicking team to come on the field.

A LITTLE HUMOR — Joe Albany shows a little leg during a homecoming pep rally. Pep rallies often prepared the students and players for the upcoming games.



FOOTBALL SQUAD — Front row: Andy Murray, Sam Cook, Kevin Wright, John White, David Counts, Mike Meade, Clifton Howard, Tony Scales, Lance Horton, Matt Shy, Joe Byerly, George Creger, Tracy Parker, Derrick Arnold and Wally Steele (Mgr.). Second row: (Mgr.) Lance Stewart, Robert Wheeler, Bubba Colvin, Keith Childress, Doug Lambert, Steve Pope, William Carter, Allen Hughes, Deacon Matthews, Corey

Fraction, Chip Thompson, Allen Dillard, Shane Sullivan, Jon Crutchfield, Mark Bentley and Abby Mitchell (Mgr.). Third row: Lee Freeman (Mgr.), Chris Lane, Jeff Shelton, Brian Buchanan, Joe Albany, Brian Fouch, John Roe, Donald Hill, Billy Perry, Donnie Hoss, Jimmy Nave, Eric Hurt, Mike Gates, Chris Marshall and Mike Francisco. Fourth row: Dave Roberts (Mgr.), Sammy Murray, Chris Icenhour, Chris

Hawthorne, Hugh Boren, Tyson Kress, John Boozer, Chip Harkrader, Paul Carter, Mark Daniels, Joe Taylor, David Holloway, Michael Locke, John Dixon, Eric Dakin and Tyrone Mitchell. Not pictured Tim Fisher. Back row: Coaches Steve Wright, Mike Braswell, Dave Davis, Tom Parker, Lester Byington, Bill Halstead, Jim Norton, Carlos Lee and Larry Lusk.

FOOTBALL

5-5

VHS	OPPONENT
28	0 Grundy
33	6 Lebanon
14	13 Marion
7	14 Abingdon
48	0 Patrick Henry
0	26 Tazewell
8	34 Richlands
0	24 Gate City
13	21 Tennessee High
28	12 John Battle

SIDELINE STRATEGIES — Coach Mike Braswell discusses second half strategies with the

players. Half-time was a time to rest and plan new strategies.



UP, UP, AND AWAY! An oncoming defender attempts to block Michael Locke's punt in a home game. The Virginia High junior 'Cats won 12-6 over Tennessee High.

Facing challenges, overcoming defeat, 'Cats prevail through

TEAM EFFORT

With an impressive Junior Varsity win-loss record (6-1-1) Head Coach Larry Lusk has something to look forward to. The only loss for the Junior 'Cats was delivered from cross-town rival Tennessee High.

Tony Scales captured leading rusher and leading scorer with five touchdowns. Jimmy Nave was leading quarterback with five touchdown passes. The 29 Junior 'Cats consisted of thirteen sophomores and sixteen freshmen, led by team

leader Tony Scales.

Junior Varsity Head Coach Mike Braswell maintained, "The Junior Varsity team showed a lot of character in compiling a 6-1-1 record. Each player responded to each challenge that faced the team. Our team can best be described as a group of individuals striving for one purpose, team effort. The main strength of our team was experienced players wanting to win and have fun winning."



CATCH ME! Tony Scales looks for an opening through Tennessee High's defense. Scales was the leading scorer and leading rusher for Virginia High's Junior 'Cats.



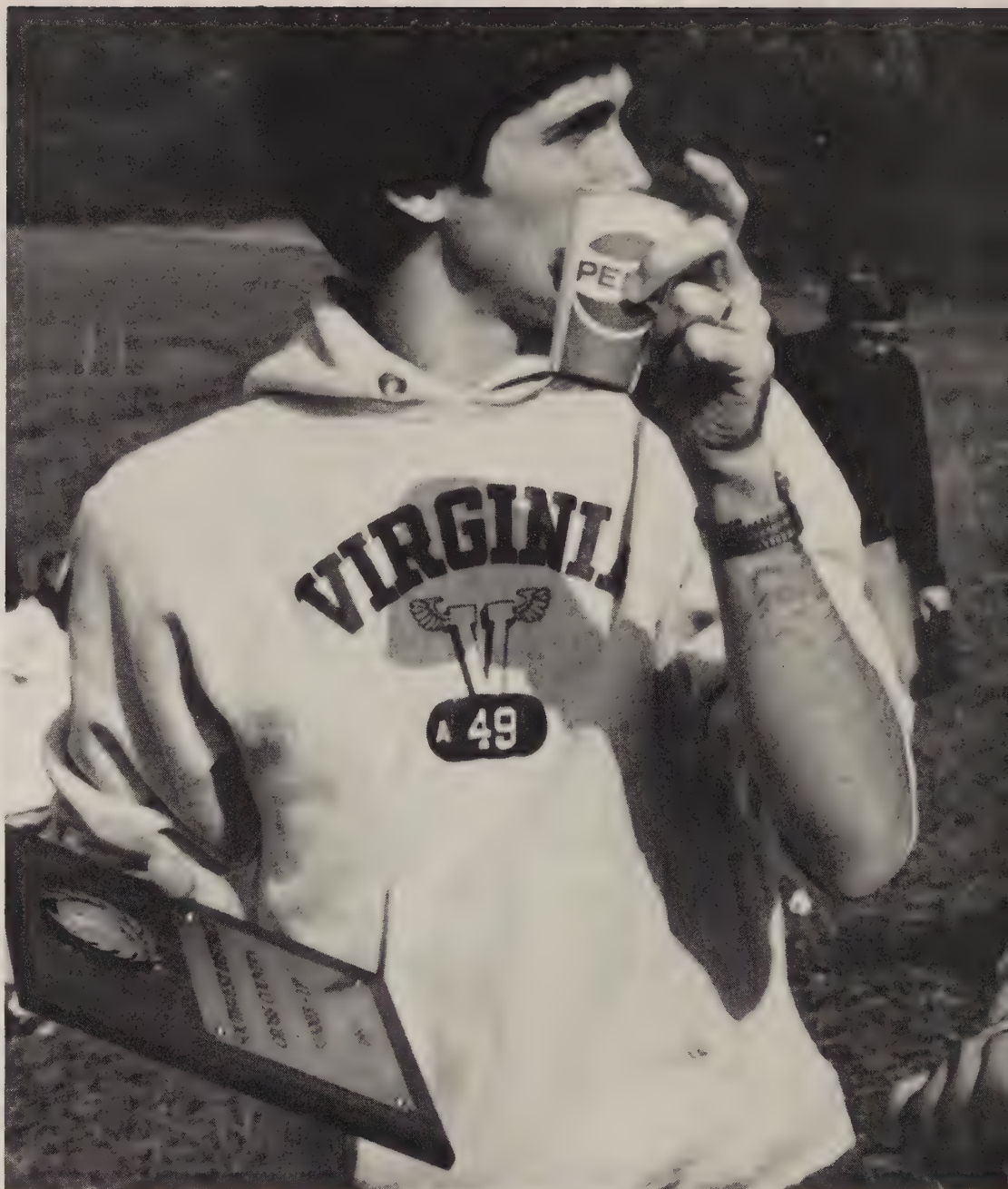
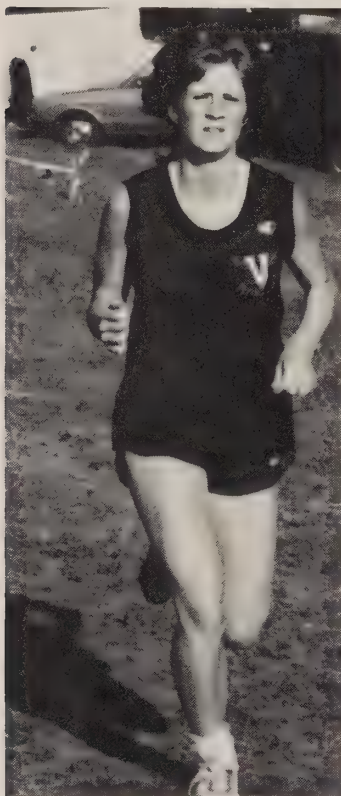
FINALLY A BREAK — Billy Perry and John Boozer relax at half-time during a game with rival Tennessee High. The junior 'Cats suffered their only loss to Tennessee High losing fourteen to six in the second game with them.



STRATEGIES — Coach Mike Braswell and Deacon Mathews discuss a formation for the next play. Coach Braswell provided needed team spirit for the entire team.

CHEERS — Coach Kevin Sours celebrates the teams' finish in the Southwest District Tournament. The Cats' received the runner-up position during this competition.

ON THE RUN — Michelle Thompson endures the many tough miles of the course. Thompson was one of the members to make the All-District Team.



Cross Country

	GUYS	GIRLS
7-mile Relay Sugar Hollow	7th	12th
Optimist Championships	10th	
Virginia High Invitational	6th	4th
Marion Invitational	3rd	4th
UVA Invitational	10th	4th
Big Six	3rd	6th
Wm Byrd	1st	
Southwest District	2nd	
Region IV	2nd	
AA State	14th	



CROSS COUNTRY — Front row: Sharon Bevins, Michelle Thompson, Jill Honaker, Becky Jackson, Erin O'Brien and Jenny Perry. Back row: Tim Slagle, Chris Jesse, Jeff Stork, Mike Grigsby and Coach Kevin Sours. Second row: Kevin Greer, Bee Castle, Chad Penly, Kevin Waldo, Lyle Riviello, and Amy Perry.

Tromping through mud, enduring the hills, they suffered the agony of

'DE-FEET'

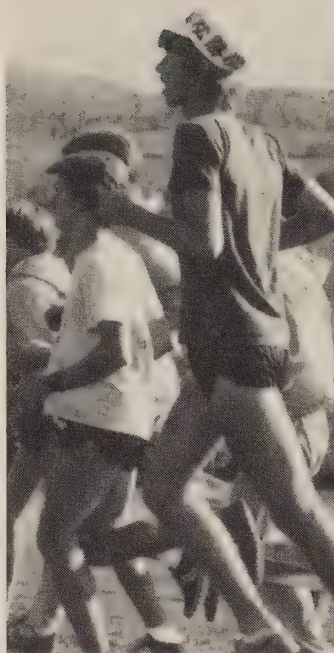
Despite lack of experience, being young as a team and having to get accustomed to a first year coach, the girls' and guys' season ended with respectable performances. The guys' team placed second in Region IV District and the girls' team had four members to make All-District.

Although faced with injuries that forced them from entering several meets with a complete team, the girls had some bright spots along with the disappointments. The highpoint of their season was the District Meet. Four girls, Becky Jackson, Erin O'Brien, Michelle Thompson and Jill Honaker,

made the All District Team. Also, O'Brien became the girls' top performer as she qualified for the State Meet, where she placed 37th out of a pack of 150.

The guys' season was brighter. The team worked together and made itself a factor in the larger meets, placing second in both the Southwest District and Region IV meets. The team also went to State, "placing a disappointing 14th," according to team member Lle Riviello.

Coach Kevin Sours commented, "This had to be the best group of young people that a first-year coach could ever ask for."



MOVING ON — Team members run through their regular practice course at Waldo Miles. Many hours of hard work and practice were spent preparing for competition.

THE AGONY OF DEFEAT — Lle Riviello shows the emotional strain of a disappointing race. Much mental effort was required to be successful in the sport.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Erin O'Brien works to get in shape for her upcoming meet. O'Brien was the only girl to qualify for the State Meet.

THE CHAMP — Bee Castle receives his first place marker. Castle proved to be an essential part of the guys' team.

WHAT A SHOT! Junior Randy Campbell exhibits a great form in his follow-through. In his first year, Campbell proved to be a consistent player.



GOLF — Front row: Randy Campbell, Sonny Cross, Trevor Mathes and Todd Jackson. Back row: Mike Mech, Ricky Fisher and Steve Duckett.

LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS
— Coach Fred Fisher gives some final tips to Steve Duckett before a match. Duckett was the top player on the team.



GOLF	
6-19	
VHS	OPPONENT
199	183 Abingdon
199	196 Patrick Henry
169	161 Tennessee High
169	171 Sullivan East
364	364 John Battle
364	368 Patrick Henry
364	404 Grundy
376	317 Marion
376	372 Tazewell
185	158 Sullivan Central
185	104 Sullivan South
185	166 Sullivan East
179	179 Patrick Henry
176	176 John Battle
321	325 Abingdon
176	163 Tennessee High
377	313 Marion
377	345 Tazewell
377	361 Grundy
179	169 Sullivan East
349	319 Tennessee High
349	330 Abingdon
349	340 Sullivan East
349	330 Sullivan Central
349	353 John Battle

GET IT RIGHT — Senior Ricky Fisher takes time to line up his next shot. Fisher added experience to the squad in his second year.





Experience outweighs disappointment of a season that was a bit

ABOVE PAR

With only four returning players, the golf team suffered from a lack of experience. The younger players, however, gained valuable experience.

Steve Duckett was the top player of the season. He consistently led the team and came out with a final average of 89 strokes.

The golf season had a few ups and downs. They suffered two sudden deaths to Patrick Henry and John Battle High Schools. In the Big Six tournament, Virginia High had to settle for fifth place, while arch-rival Tennessee High captured the crown. In the Southwest District, Virginia High fell to last place as they were defeat-

ed by Marion.

In spite of the "losing streak", team members accepted their lots calmly. Veteran team member Ricky Fisher replied, "We had a rather disappointing season, but we were competitive and we got to play a lot of golf." Junior Trevor Mathes said that, "this golf season was productive as far as the young members of the team were concerned. They gained valuable experience. But for the seniors, I guess it was pretty terrible to lose that much."

Although the team's record was not outstanding, the effort put forth by the members was tremendous.



PATIENCE — Keeping his position, Trevor Mathes finishes up a putt. Golfers had to wait until their shot was finished before they moved.

Despite 8-10 record,
the girls got back on
track to regain that

WINNING EDGE

While most students were still enjoying their leisure time on August 10, nearly twenty girls were coming to school from 1 p.m. to about 5 p.m. Were they that anxious to start school again? Most likely not, but they were there for hard work and learning; they were there for basketball practice.

The Lady 'Cats had a great deal of preparation to do and little time to do it, for their first game was August 24. Therefore, when school started, practice sessions became shorter, but they were still crammed full of drills with special emphasis on fundamentals. The hard work proved worthwhile, though, when the Lady 'Cats pulled off their first victory scoring 37 points to the

Chilhowie Warriors' 23.

The improved defense and added aggressiveness of the team seemed to surprise the Lady 'Cat's opponents, according to sophomore Suzanne Corley. Corley felt that "many of the teams we played were surprised by our improvement, so we usually did especially well in the first half."

Yet, even though the Lady 'Cats' "Surprise attack" could not quite achieve a winning season for them, senior center Rhonda Carter could still say, "I thought that we were definitely a better team and I also think we had one of the best coaches around." Becky Lee, a senior also, seemed pleased with the season, as well, and felt that she and her teammates "communicated a lot better,

and we improved in defense and shooting, too."

The team had several obstacles to overcome. Early in the season, they lost a valuable senior veteran, Teri Arnold, due to an ankle injury. Also, the team had very few upperclassmen. However, according to Coach Ballard Lee, "a few of our freshmen and sophomores proved to be strong players."

These obstacles did not seem to hinder personal performance, as demonstrated by Lori Robbins, Rhonda Carter and Angie Rutledge. These girls held the team records for free throw percentage, field goal percentage and rebounds, and top scorer, respectively.



VARSITY BASKETBALL SQUAD
— Kneeling: Angie Rutledge.
Standing: Tracey Brown, Lori Robbins, Becky Lee, Suzanne

Corley, Jennifer Mech, Rhonda Sue Carter, Hope Thomas, Kim Smith, Kathy Yon, Tonya Shade and Dene McCormick.

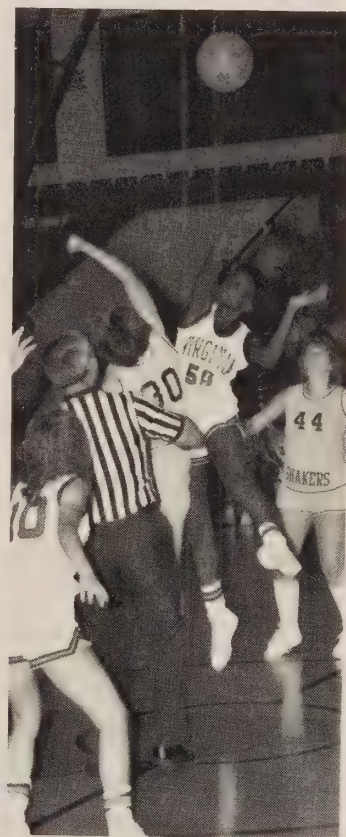
VARSITY BASKETBALL

8-10

VHS	OPPONENT
37	23 Chilhowie
29	36 Marion
34	61 Tazewell
24	40 Richlands
27	57 Gate City
25	38 Abingdon
29	39 John Battle
39	20 Patrick Henry
43	41 Gate City
39	47 Graham
47	41 Chilhowie
36	35 Saltville
33	30 Lebanon
31	45 Abingdon
25	42 John Battle
33	50 Grundy
32	30 Saltville
19	18 Patrick Henry



NOW HERE'S THE PLAN — Coach Ballard Lee revises his team's strategy during a time-out. Time-outs gave players a chance to refresh themselves with a drink of water and some encouragement from other team members.



AIRBORN — Height advantage gives senior Rhonda Carter control of a jump ball. Carter, first string center for the Lady 'Cats, led the team in rebounds and field goal percentage.

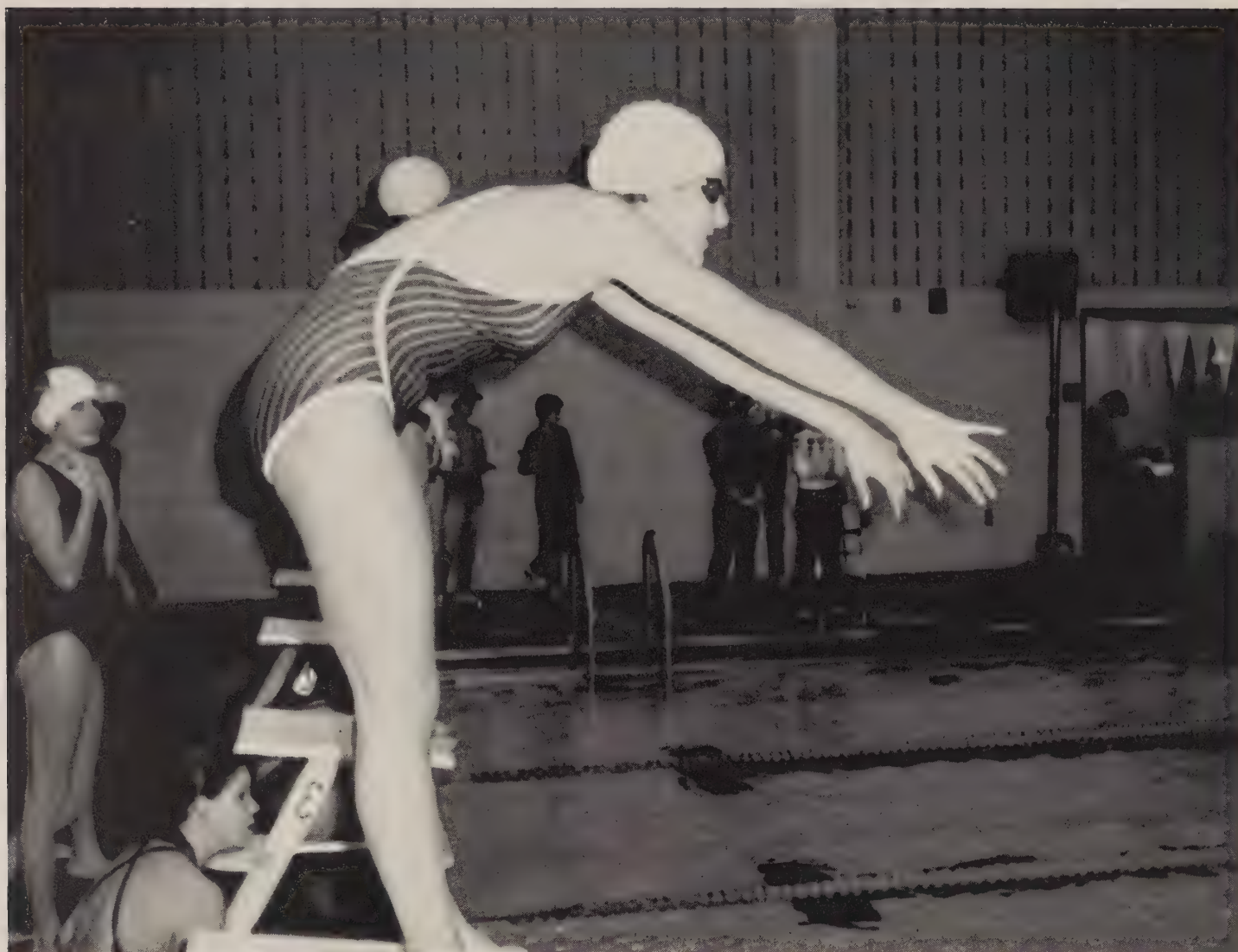
J-V BASKETBALL

11-6

VHS	OPPONENT
24	7 Chilhowie
12	27 Marion
13	17 Tazewell
27	25 Richlands
30	13 Gate City
24	20 Abingdon
22	23 John Battle
25	10 Patrick Henry
27	15 Gate City
13	4 Chilhowie
22	11 Lebanon
12	13 Abingdon
24	25 John Battle
24	26 Grundy
21	2 Saltville
34	12 Patrick Henry
32	6 Saltville



J.V. BASKETBALL SQUAD — Front row: Tia Clark, Tausha Clark and Tamera Daggs. Back row: Sharon Dixon, Teresa Barton, Carlita Ayala and Missy Washington.



READY FOR TAKE OFF — Junior Amy Geiger waits to leave the block on the relay. Geiger, chosen swimmer of the year, qualified for the Emory Invitational.

SWIMMING

6-2-2

VHS		OPPONENT
140	140	Sullivan South
140	140	Sullivan South
91	43	Sullivan East
91	129	Dobyns Bennett
131	60	Elizabethton
131	12	Unicoi Co.
122	88	Science Hill
66	104	Tennessee High
121	27	Sullivan South
91	40	Blacksburg

Relay Carnival — Sixth



SWIM TEAM — Front row: Jennifer Siegfried, Wendy Davidson, Jennifer Mech, Amy Geiger, Captain Sharon Smith, Lisa Davis and Cheryl Murphy. Back row:

Amy Rainero, Erika Romanoff, Kelly Oakley, Melissa James, Stefanie Leonard, Regina Palmer, Susan Sikora, Jennifer Romanoff and Lori Taylor.

WHERE'S THE SPLASH? Junior Wendy Davidson practices her back flip. Davidson was the top diver with an overall score of 45 points.



With coon skin caps and a victory over arch-rivals, squad set

NEW TRADITIONS

Coon skin caps and jugs of water are not only seen on episodes of **Davy Crockett**, but also seen on the swim team bus while traveling to the V-T meet at Tennessee High.

The jugs were filled with water from the VHS pool. Before the first race seniors Kevin Worley and Andy Dannhardt poured the water into the THS pool. This occurrence was used to "psyche out" the Vikings. The boys went on to defeat THS, for the first time ever, by a score of 82-80. The girls were defeated by the Lady Vikes,

104-66. The coon skin caps were obtained when 11 swimmers visited a swim clinic sponsored by Pilot Aquatic Club of Maryville and the University of Tennessee. The day was filled with stroke drills, films and socializing. Susan Sikora commented "the clinic helped me to learn new techniques to better my strokes." Daina Odum was named outstanding swimmer and received a gym bag filled with an Olympic tee shirt, goggles, a cap, and coupons from McDonalds.

The team traveled to Virgin-

ia Tech to swim Blacksburg High School. This was the first time the VHS swim team had ever competed against a Virginia team. "I like the fact that we finally got to swim a Virginia team and I enjoy traveling to the meets," said Sharon Smith. Coach Terry Caldwell hopes to start a state meet since his team only swims Tennessee teams and cannot be in conference or state meets. Both VHS teams were victorious over Blacksburg by a score of 186-147.

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ON YOUR MARK — Freshman Kelly Oakley takes her mark to swim the breaststroke at the sound of the starter. Oakley helped the girls' relay team with a record time of 1:26.1 in the breaststroke.

GO-CATS-GO — The girls' team huddles together a few minutes before a meet. Time before meets gave them a chance to talk and get psyched up to swim.

NO PAIN, NO GAIN — Gritting his teeth, Senior Andy Dannhardt prepares to lead the medley "A" relay. Dannhardt served as team captain and was a four-year letterman.

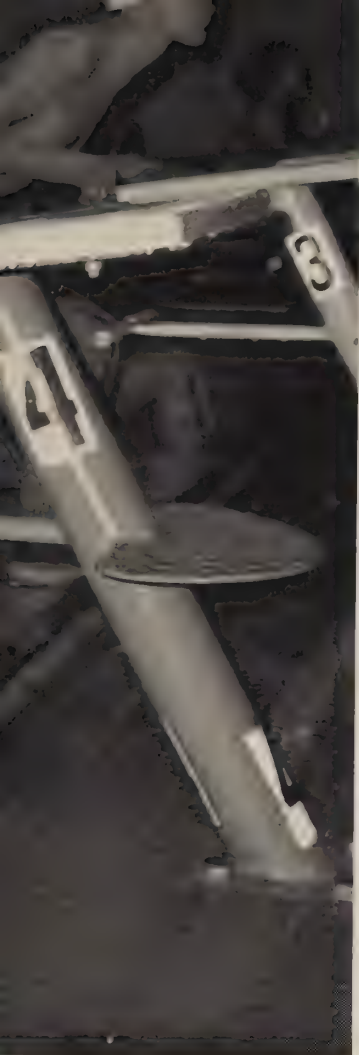
BREATHE! Getting some air, Junior Duane Goff anchors the medley relay "A". Goff, a third year swimmer was a member of the medley "A" team at every meet.



NUMBER 1! Ready for the V-T car parade, members of the swim team apply the finishing touches. The car won first prize in the parade.

SURPRISE! Caught off guard, Coach Terry Caldwell smiles with embarrassment. The balloons were a gift from the swim team.





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TRADITIONS

The captains for the team were Andy Dannhardt and Sharon Smith. Dannhardt's expression on the season was, "I felt it was an honor being the captain during my senior year. The season was a successful one for me because I met many personal goals."

Seven school records were set by the girls' team. Two of the records were by relays, three records by Amy Geiger and one each by Susan Sikora

and Kelly Oakley. The boys' team set two records, both of which were set by freshman Aaron Thomas. Points were tallied at the end of the season and Thomas was the boys leader at 144 points, the most ever scored in a single season. The girls' list was led by Geiger with 139 points.

Coach Caldwell commented that since there is no state meet, "we swim for pride around here."

AIR! Swimming the breaststroke, senior Kevin Worley takes a breath. Worley was a four-year letterman of the swim team.



SWIM TEAM — Aaron Thomas, Andy Dannhardt, Kevin Worley, Duane Goff, Bubba Colvin,

Jeff Hayes, George Hushour, Randy Mikeal and Brian Hileman.

SWIMMING

VHS	OPPONENT
67	140 Sullivan South
67	64 Sullivan North
6th	Relay Carnival
72	56 Sullivan East
80	14 Dobyns Bennett
104	107 Elizabethton
55	13 Unicoi Co.
105	97 Science Hill
80	80 Tennessee High
80	110 Sullivan South
66	57 Blacksburg

I THINK I UNDERSTAND — Coach Kevin Sours discusses different events for upcoming meets. Team discussions benefited the runners during the meets.

OFF TO A GOOD START! Chris Lane practices handoffs during track practice. Long practices paid off at the track meets.



GIRLS INDOOR TRACK TEAM
— Front row: Angie Price, Becky Harkins, Tracey Brown, Lori Robbins, Kim Smith. Back row:

Chandra Abels, Teresa Barton, Becky Jackson, Tracey Bunche, Kim Goins and Erin O'Brien.

INDOOR TRACK

MEET	BOYS	GIRLS
Indoor District	2nd	1st
Regional	3rd	3rd

GET READY, SET — Team members observe as Tyson Kress practices on the starting blocks. The

blocks helped the runners get off to a better start.

New records were set, new goals met — track took a major step

FORWARD

Taking a major step forward as far as success goes, the indoor track team did very well considering the tough opponents they had such as John Battle, Blacksburg, and Marion. The team as a whole worked very hard and well together during the season.

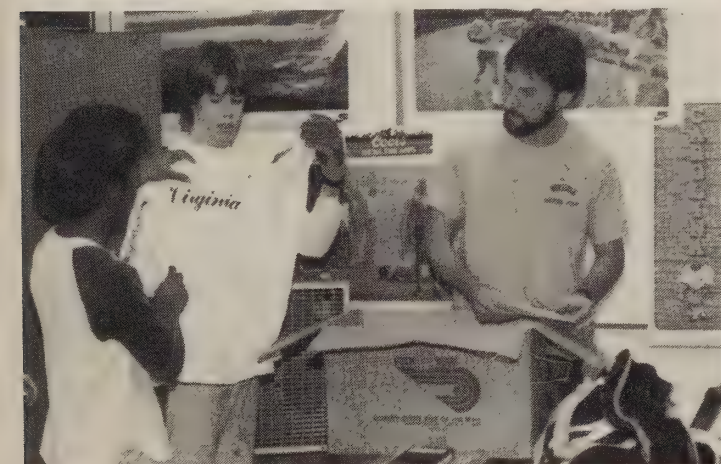
Coach Dave Davis admitted that, "it is very difficult to pick individuals when your program is based on the input of every athlete." Coach Davis proved to be right, the team put together a very impressive

record.

The boys' team took a second-place finish in the district, while the girls turned in a first place win over John Battle, Marion, Abingdon, and Richlands. With the team's strongest runners being William Carter, Mitch Rector, Joe Taylor, Tyson Kress, Lle Riviello, and Chris Jessee, the rest of the team did very well also.

Senior William Carter turned in a 66.8 time for a new 500 meter record. Coach Davis felt, "The season was very successful for us unless you base success on everything you run; however, if success is based on individual improvement, we were very successful."

THIS IS WHAT YOU GET! Coach Dave Davis distributes uniforms to members of the team. Many teams often received new uniforms.



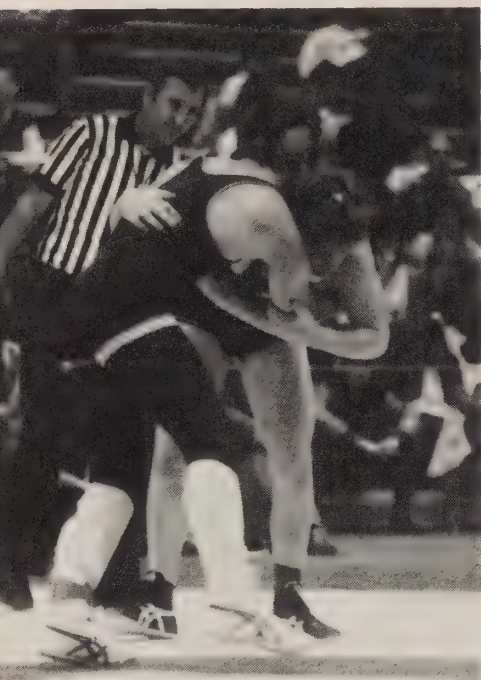
I'M GONNA WIN! Angie Price and Angie Rutledge get set to run at track practice. The coaches helped runners improve their skills during their practices.



BOYS' INDOOR TRACK TEAM
— Front row: Chip Thompson, Leroy Worley, Kevin Greer, Michael Grigsby, Kelly Klepper, Bee Castle, and Chad Penley.

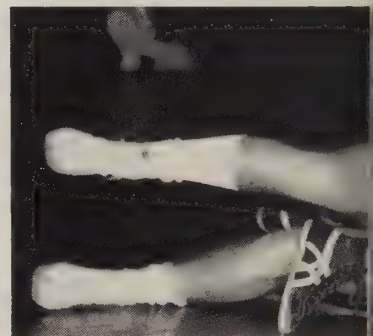
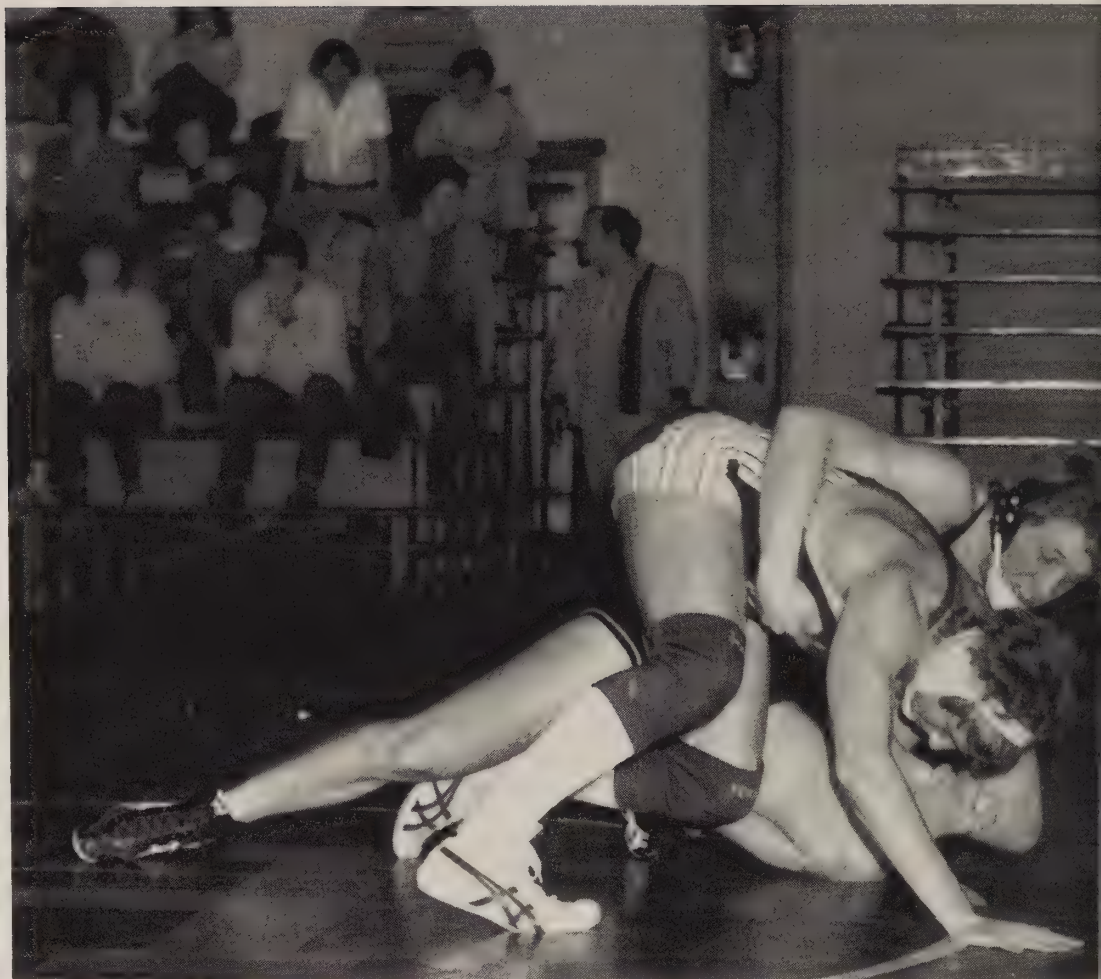
Second row: Chris Icenhour, Chris Lane, Chris Jessee, Jeff Stark, Brian Widener, Joe Taylor and Mitch Rector. Back row: Don Sanderson, Brian Fouch, Tyson Kress, Chip Harkrader, Tim Slagle, Lle Riviello, Sammy Murry and Bobby Tipton.

TIGHT RIDE — Brian Buchanan drives his Richland's opponent Jeff Whitt to the mat. Buchanan went on to become the Region champion.



WORN OUT — Brian Buchanan and James Holzworth from Orange Co. wrestle in the state semi-finals. Buchanan lost by a point which resulted in a fourth-place finish.

KNOWLEDGE — Wrestling coaches Steve Wright and Ed Cressel give instructions during a match. Head Coach Cressel has won two team Regional Championships in the past.



WRESTLING

6-6

VHS	OPPONENT
33	37 Grundy
48	30 Patrick Henry
31	39 Abingdon
29	33 Tennessee High
50	21 Lebanon
38	33 John Battle
48	30 Chilhowie
30	24 Graham
27	48 Marion
36	43 Tazewell
17	27 JJ Kelly
	56 Richlands

4th in Region IV
16th in State



State performances of Morenings, Buchanan lead grapplers to yet

ANOTHER PIN

More than 20 teams were competing and the Lord Botetourt High School gym was filled with the ringing of excited words and thick intensity eagerly awaiting the first whistle starting off the two-day AA State wrestling championships.

Especially intense were seniors Pete Morenings and Brian Buchanan who were at their third state tournament and were set on placing high this time around. Morenings, wrestling at 155 lbs., went into the tournament District and Re-

gional runner-up with a 17-3-1 record. Buchanan at 176 lbs. was District and Regional champion with an undefeated record of 21-0-0. Both wrestlers suffered defeats in the semi-finals, but came back to place fourth. Coach Ed Cressel commented, "both Brian and Pete wrestled great and came back after losses to place high; I'm really proud of them."

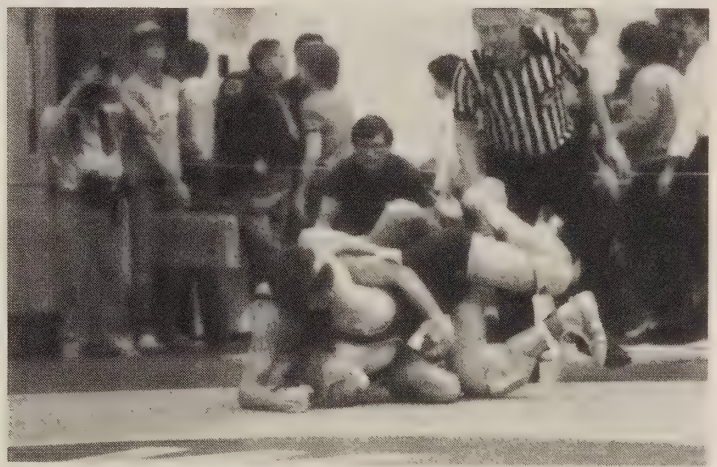
Overall, the Bearcat team wrestled to a 6-6 season, with the strengths again coming from the middle weights with George Creger 138, Morenings 155, Joe Almany 167 and Buchanan 176. Coach Cressel added, "I have mixed feelings about our performances this year; at times we wrestled well

and at times terribly; there was a lack of consistency. However, this was due to the lack of varsity experience with some of the young wrestlers."

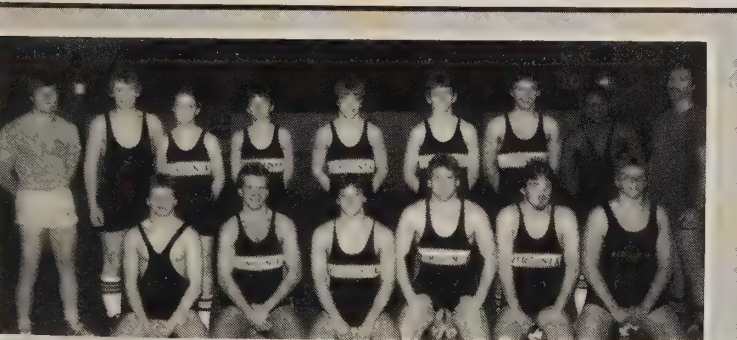
The team managed a low-place finish in the district tournament with champions Creger and Buchanan, placing second were Morenings and Almany, and sixth place went to Pete Green at the 98 lb. class.

The Bearcats did not have the team strength to defend their Regional title and had to settle for sixth overall in Region 4. Buchanan came away with the only individual championship while Creger, Morenings and Almany finished second in their weight classes.

COVERED — Joe Almany has a Richlands opponent in trouble during a regular season match. Almany went on to pin him and placed second in the district.



TANGLED UP — Pete Morenings tries for back points in his semi-finals match. Morenings finished fourth in the state.



WRESTLING TEAM — Front row: Jeff Hubbard, Pete Morenings, Joe Almany, Brian Buchanan, Bobby Shuttle and Mike Gates. Back Row: Coach Steve Wright, Randy Russell, Pete Green, Robbie Nelson, Kevin Davis, David Counts, George Creger, Charles Wade and Head Coach Ed Cressel.



GREAT PASS — Senior Rhonda Carter bumps the ball up to be set. Carter made the most of her last year on the team by ending the season with a 100% serving average.

STRAIGHT TALK — Coach Karen Cole gives players a little sound advice. When the pressure was really on, a few minutes of serious talk could make the difference.



Regular season wins
make championship
seem almost within

REACH!

After defeating the 1983 Virginia State Champions and the 1983 State Runner-Up team in regular Southwest District play, as well as defeating Radford High, who went on to represent Region IV on the state level, the volleyball team seemed well on its way to a regional or even state championship. Unfortunately, the tides turned for the Lady 'Cats and they were defeated in the District Tournament, bringing their season to a rather abrupt close.

The reason for this sudden upset was subject to several opinions. Some thought that the culprit was poor officiating, while others wrote it off as "just a bad day." Nevertheless, the team members ended up as victors without a crown.

Despite a disappointing finale, most of the players agreed with senior Tammy Curtis's opinion that "it really was a successful season, overall." Four-year veteran Teri Arnold summed up the team's positive points in saying, "there was a lot of potential in the younger players, but more importantly,

we played well together — as a team, not as individuals."

The season had some high points that helped to counteract the low ones, though. The three team co-captains, Teri Arnold, Tammy Curtis, and Rhonda Carter, were honored with positions on the All-Southwest District Volleyball Team. Carter also came out of the season with a 100% serving average for the regular season. Another high point was the second annual Bearcat Classic Invitational Tournament. Four area teams, Castlewood, Gate City, Radford and Rural Retreat, attended the fun-filled day of competition, with the Bearcats coming away with first place at the end of the day. Coach Karen Cole attributed the success of the tournament to "our parents, who ran the concession stand and kept the hospitality room, Terry Caldwell, who opened the swimming pool for us to use, and Patty Bailey, our tournament director — they all helped to make our tournament the most outstanding event for girls in this area."

MINE! — Debbie Cunningham hits the floor to get a ball up as Tammy Curtis and Teri Arnold move into action. Cunningham, a sophomore, was a setter for the team.



VOLLEYBALL TEAM — *Kneeling:* Beth Lohman, April Dillow and Debbie Cunningham. *Standing:* Coach Karen Cole, Teri Ar-

nold, Helena Holmqvist, Rhonda Carter, Tammy Curtis, Tonya Shade and Coach Gene Gupton.

VOLLEYBALL

11-2

VHS	Opponent
2	1 John Battle
2	0 Graham
2	0 Patrick Henry
0	2 Marion
2	0 Abingdon
2	0 Richlands
2	0 Gate City
2	0 Lebanon
1	2 Tazewell

BEARCAT CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

VHS	Opponent
2	0 Castlewood
2	0 Gate City
2	1 Radford
2	0 Rural Retreat

With efforts from Mech, Jessee, 'Cats rolled over opponents with a

FAST BREAK

With a seven point lead mid-way through the fourth quarter, the 'Cats seemed to be heading into the Region IV finals with Radford. However, the 'Cat's opponents, the Maroons of George Wythe, were not ready to concede defeat.

With only a minute-and-a-half remaining, the Maroons trimmed the lead to six, and then exploded to pull within one with about twenty seconds remaining. Amid the din of the near capacity crowd, Wythe's Clint Carney launched an off-balance, 18-foot jumper that swished through the net at the sound of the buzzer.

The stunned crowd grew silent, except for the cheers from the Maroons' fans, as they witnessed the end of Ballard Lee's most successful season ever.

Mike Mech's 22 points and Danny Chambers' 19 during the semifinal of the region tournament exemplified the outstanding individual play that led the 'Cats to the Southwest District regular season

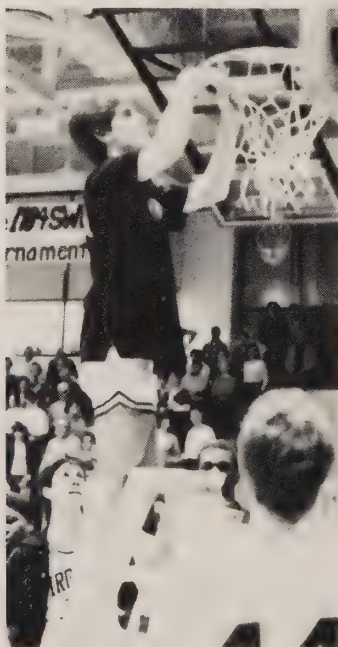
and tournament titles. Mech averaged 18.5 points per game during the regular season and joined point guard Kevin Jessee, who averaged 11 points a game, on the All-Southwest District squad. Center Chambers and forward Tyrone Mitchell, who both provided scoring and rebounding power near the hoop, earned honorable mention status. Mech and Jessee gained further honors at the region level on the first team All Region IV squad. Jessee also became the Region IV Player-of-the-Year.

The 'Cats clawed through their Southwest District competition recording only one loss, a 69-66 upset at the hands of John Battle's Trojans on the Trojans' home floor. This loss forced the 'Cats to attempt to clinch the district crown the hard way — on the road at Abingdon, the district's second-ranked team. The starting five seniors, Jessee, Mech, Mitchell, Chambers and Spencer Horton, who had earlier

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"HANDS OFF!" Center Danny Chambers dares a John Battle player to try to get the ball after a rebound. The Trojans upset the 'Cats by a score of 69-66.

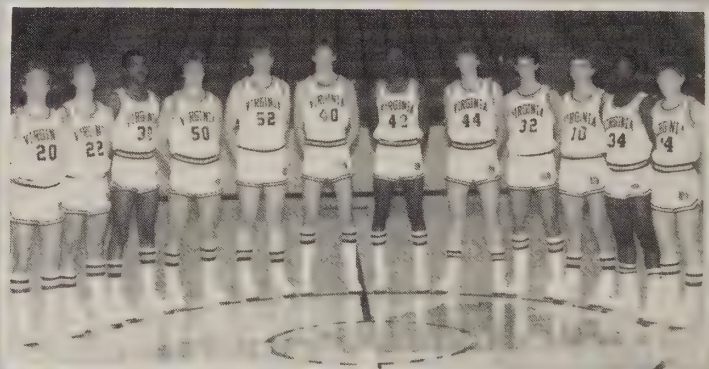
THE THRILL OF VICTORY — Senior Bobby Blevins helps to cut down the nets after the 'Cats' victory in the finals of the district tournament. The Bearcats slipped by the Abingdon Falcons 53-52 to gain the crown.



BASKETBALL

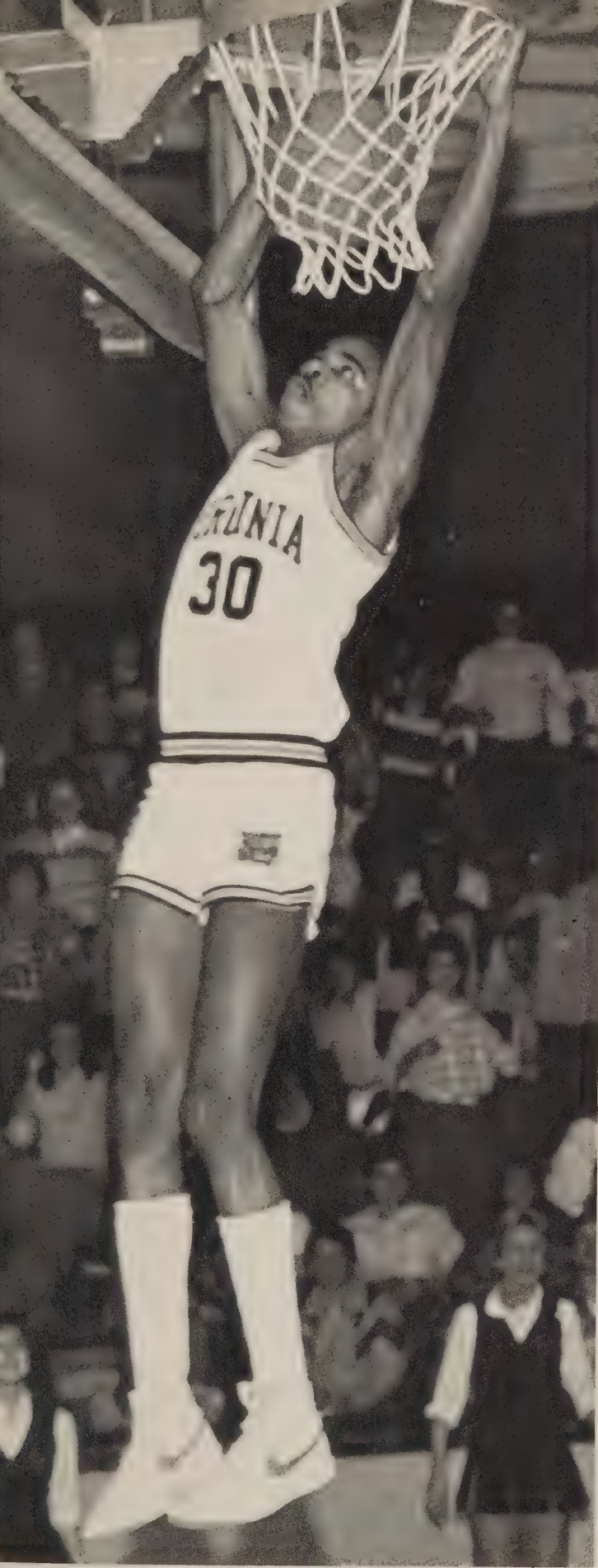
19-6

VHS	OPPONENT
74	50 Gate City
71	54 Holston
62	52 Tazewell
73	69 Richlands
61	70 Tennessee High
58	66 Pulaski County
53	52 Hampton
59	61 Tennessee High
69	51 Patrick Henry
76	55 Grundy
63	52 Gate City
74	61 Graham
73	56 Abingdon
82	37 Lebanon
55	40 Marion
61	41 John Battle
70	44 Patrick Henry
69	56 Marion
66	69 John Battle
50	49 Abingdon
55	56 Tennessee High
61	38 John Battle
65	64 Grundy
50	49 Abingdon
62	63 George Wythe



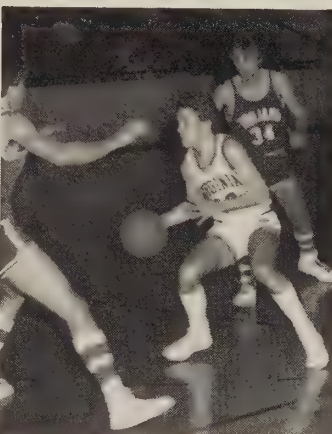
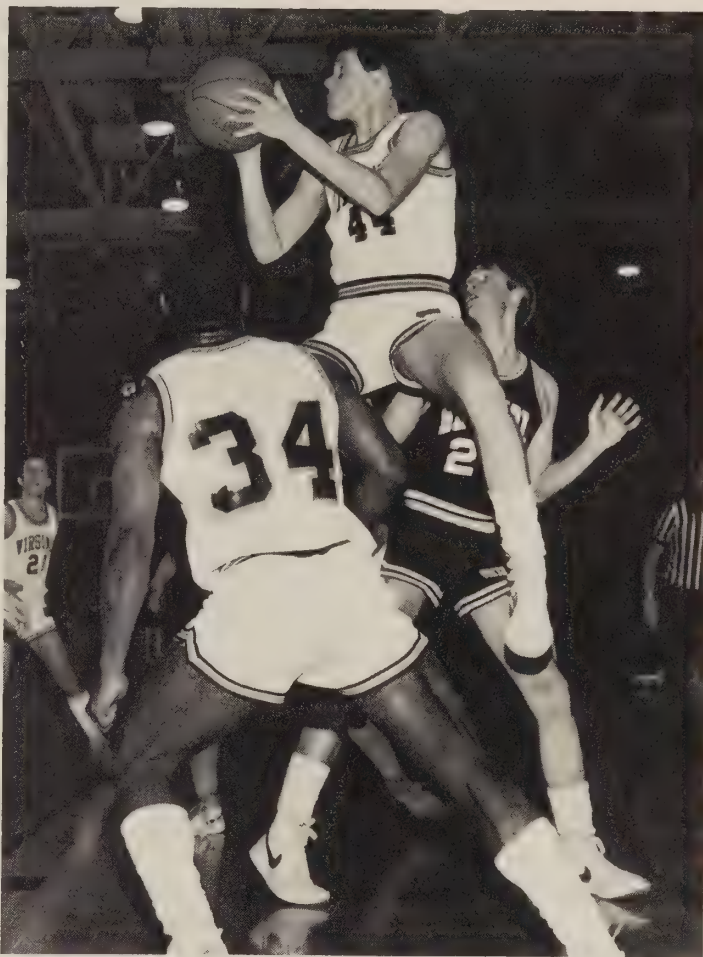
VARSITY BASKETBALL — Kevin Jessee, Bobby Blevins, Spencer Horton, Mike Little, David Carty, Danny Chambers, Paul

Carter, Mike Mech, Ricky Fisher, Eric Sikorski, Tyrone Mitchell and Todd Shy.



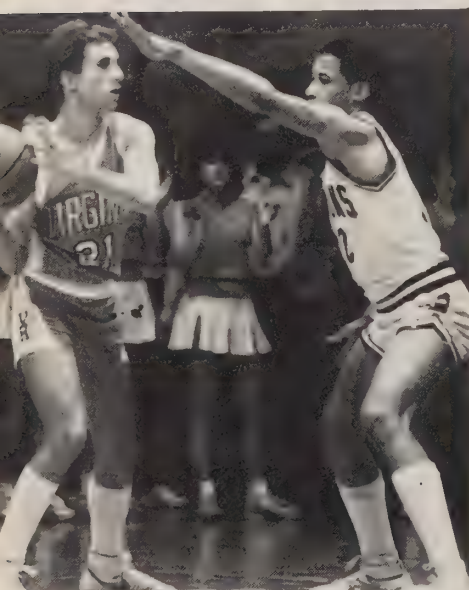
IN YOUR FACE! Senior guard Spencer Horton dunks for two more points in the 'Cats' opening tournament game against John Battle. Horton scored eight points as the 'Cats' overwhelmed the Trojans 61-38.

"MINE!" Senior Mike Mech snares a rebound in the final game against cross-town rival Tennessee High. The Vikings won this game 66-65 and completed a three game sweep of the Bearcats.



MOVING ON — Senior point guard Kevin Jessee drives between John Battle players on his way to the basket. Jessee, who contributed leadership and assists to the squad, was named Region IV Player of the Year.

UP FOR TWO — Senior Danny Chambers shoots a jump shot against John Battle as Tyrone Mitchell fights for rebounding position. Although the Trojans upset the 'Cats at battle, the Bearcats destroyed them in both encounters at home by scores of 61-41 and 61-38.



ANOTHER ASSIST — Kevin Jessee looks for a teammate during the game at Abingdon as the Falcons' Sean Lucas defends. Jessee's free throws provided the winning margin as the 'Cats slipped by the Falcons 50-49.



"HAND'S OFF!" Seniors Tyrone Mitchell (34) and Spencer Horton (30) rip a rebound away from Battle's Dale Cook. The 'Cats won

two of three games with the Trojans thanks in part to Mitchell's scoring and rebounding and Horton's defensive play.

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FAST BREAK

blown out the Falcons during the home match-up, played nearly the entire game and slipped by the Falcons 50-49 for their first Southwest District title in twenty years. Chambers, who led the 'Cats with 22 points, later said, "It's unbelievable, being seniors — but not unexpected. We worked in the spring, in the fall; we worked on weights and it paid off."

With the top seed in the district tournament and a bye in the first round, the 'Cats seemed to have an easy waltz into the final round after destroying John Battle by a score of 61-38. However, the road was tougher than expected as they encountered an obstacle in the form of Grundy's very physical Golden Wave. The

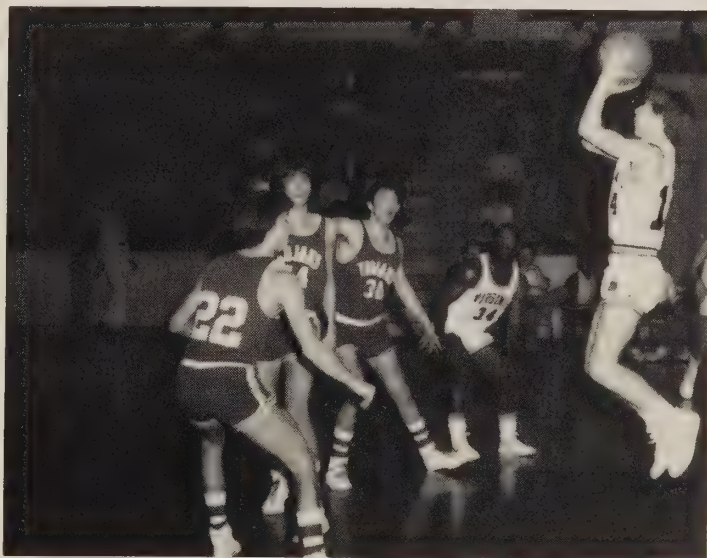
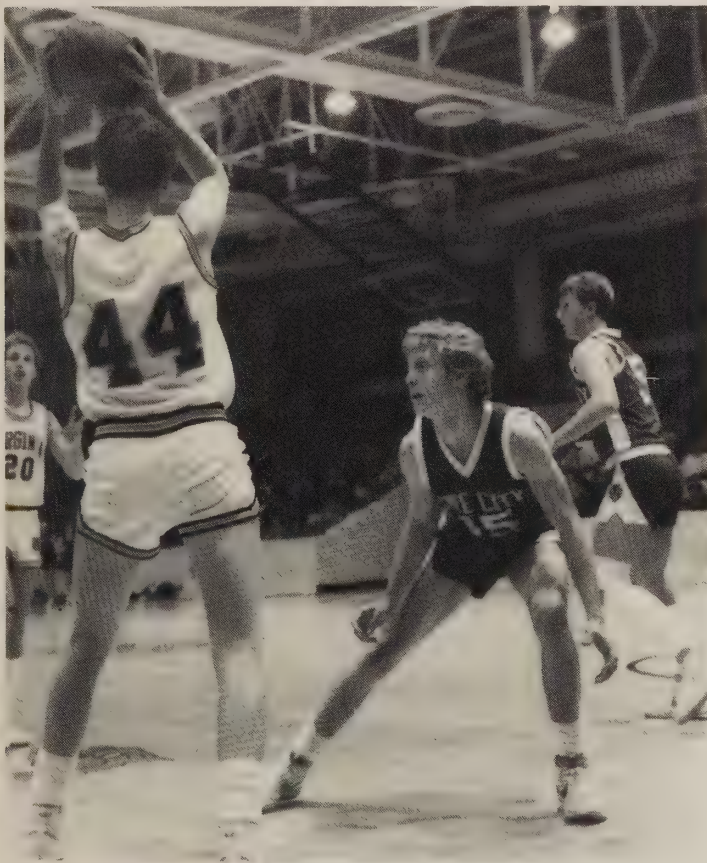
'Cats, who trailed Grundy for most of the game, finally overcame the Golden Wave in the fourth quarter to prevail 65-64, and advance to the finals and their third meeting against the Abingdon Falcons.

Both teams came out of the blocks shooting, but the 'Cats trailed at intermission 28-22. Yet, behind the superb play of Jessee and Horton, the Bearcats held the lead after the third period. After a seesaw battle in the final stanza, in which the lead changed hands on numerous occasions, Jessee drove to the hoop and scored to put the 'Cats up by one with only twenty seconds remaining.

Horton subsequently stole an Abingdon pass in the paint with three seconds remaining

to seal the Falcons' fate, as the 'Cats prevailed 53-52 when the Falcons' Jeff Necessary missed a heave from midcourt as time expired. Jessee, who led the squad with 19 points, said, "The shots just happened to fall." Lee added, "The regular season championship was nice, but I'm enjoying the tournament championship just as much." Abingdon Coach Jerry Mays added the final compliment when he commented, "We played well enough to get it. Virginia High just refused to let us."

The 'Cats' subsequent loss to George Wythe, the eventual Region IV champs, cast only a dim shadow on the Bearcats' best season since 1964. Who knows, maybe George Orwell was not right after all.



"OVER HERE" — Kevin Jessee calls for the ball as Mike Mech looks for help against Gate City. Mech and Jessee, the 'Cats' two top performers, led the squad to two wins over the Blue Devils.

SKYWALKING — Senior Todd Shy soars for two against John Battle. Shy came off the bench to score points as the 'Cats defeated the Trojans in the Southwest District tournament.

Tough inside game,
potent shooting once
again create district

CHAMPS

"THERE THEY ARE" — Principal Tim Outlaw crowns Tabettha Gerdes and Kevin Jessee basketball queen and king. In this event, sponsored by the History

Club, the student body selected the queen from homeroom nominations and the king from the members of the basketball squad.



Not always plagued with yelling fans and screaming cheerleaders, the J-V team made it with their few dedicated supporters.

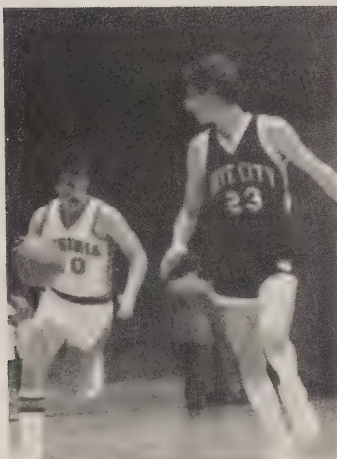
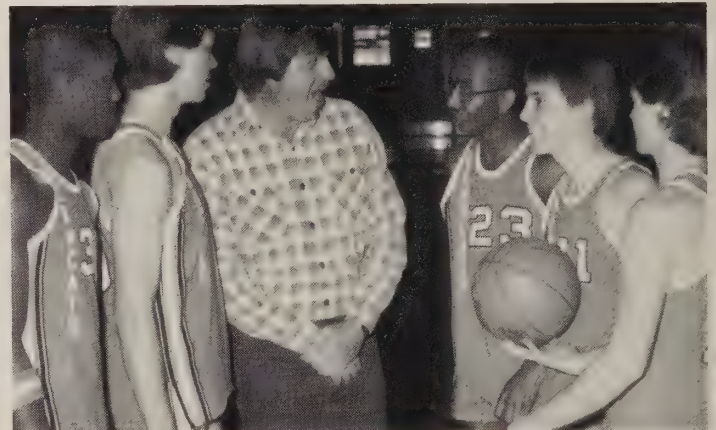
The team, balanced with five returning players, relived an almost identical season as last year. However, the outcome was slightly different. Starting guard Todd Jackson felt "we accomplished what we wanted to in winning the regular season. We fell short in the championship game, but we felt we were the best team in the district. We were equally proud of our two year 32-8 record and being champions

two years in a row. We worked hard for it and hopefully we can continue in the future as we move up to varsity."

Led by Coach Lester Byington, the team was paced by scoring leader Todd Jackson, averaging 14 points per game.

Ending the season with a respectable 15-4 record, including two losses each to Tennessee High and Marion, only one thought persisted, that of carrying on a winning tradition.

CHAT? Lester Byington has a discussion with his five junior varsity starters. Byington led the squad to its second district crown.



MOVING ON — Sophomore Matt Shy drives past a Gate City defender. The junior 'Cats defeated the Blue Devils by a score of 53-35.

J.V. BASKETBALL 15-4

VHS	OPPONENT
54	36 Gate City
56	19 Holston
57	43 Tazewell
58	28 Richlands
49	51 Tennessee High
44	28 Patrick Henry
72	29 Grundy
53	35 Gate City
43	37 Graham
50	41 Abingdon
58	40 Marion
53	44 John Battle
38	34 Patrick Henry
32	43 Marion
47	22 John Battle
40	36 Abingdon
31	42 Tennessee High
35	36 Marion



J-V BASKETBALL TEAM — Front row: Tony Scales, Derrick Arnold, Trevor Mathes, Donald Hill and Todd Jackson. Back row: Sterling Taylor, Matt Shy, Chip

Helton, Hugh Boren, Michael Locke, Mike Atkins, Kevin Farmer, Brant Garritson, Lance Horton and Gary Bowers. Not pictured: Todd Pannell.

"TWO MORE?" Sophomore guard Tony Scales follows through with his jumper against John Battle's junior varsity squad. Thanks in part to Scales'

scoring and Todd Jackson's playmaking, the junior 'Cats completed a successful year with a 15-4 overall record.

SWD COACH OF THE YEAR — Head Coach Ballard Lee discusses strategy during a timeout. Lee led the 'Cats to the SWD regular season title.



Lee, Jessee reap SWD honors

Augmenting an excellent season in which the 'Cats went 19-6, with four losses at the hands of AAA schools, senior point guard Kevin Jessee and Head Coach Ballard Lee swept the top individual honors in the Southwest District.

Jessee, the SWD Player of the Year, averaged 11 points per game during the regular season and led the team in assists thanks to a quick fast break and pinpoint passing. Lee, the SWD Coach of the Year, led the 'Cats through a sweep of both the regular season and tournament titles, the first time the 'Cats have won a league championship since 1964.

Lee summed it all up after receiving his awards following the 'Cats' 53-52 victory over Abingdon, as he commented, "This feels great!"

Conflicts impede team goals, but individual performers continue

MOVING ON

Although the men's outdoor track team was split for most of the season, some team members achieved considerable personal goals.

Coaches Kevin Sours and Dave Davis summed up the overall team effort in saying, "We started the season with reasonably attainable goals; however, due to certain conflicts of interest among individuals, these goals became un-

attainable. Even though we, as coaches, do not feel that we accomplished what we could have, we were pleased with the efforts of many of the athletes."

Obviously, many of the team members' efforts did pay off, as a number of students qualified for regional and state meets. Qualifying for regionals were William Carter, Joe Taylor, Mitch Rector, Leroy Worley, Lle Riviello, Tracey Brown,

Tracey Bunche, Tonya Shade, Tamara Daggs, Kim Goins, Becky Harkins and Jeanne Perry. Carter placed second in the 800-meter and Taylor came in fifth in the 100-meter. The girls' 800-meter relay, consisting of runners Brown, Bunche, Shade and Daggs, placed second.

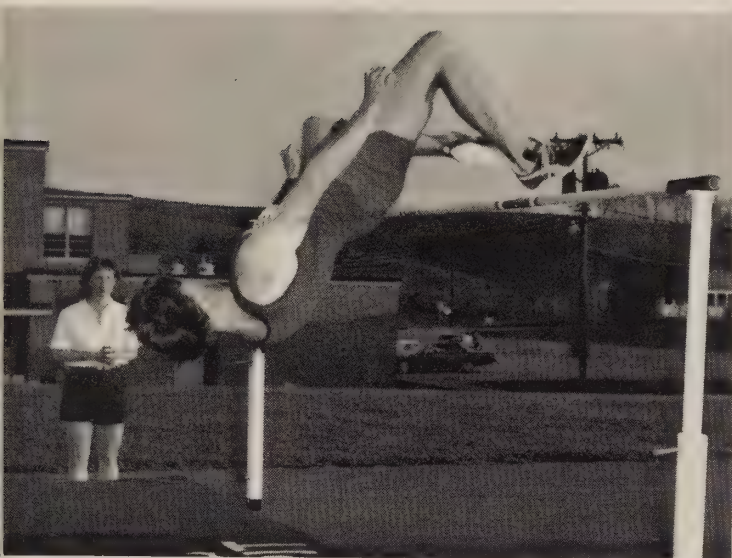
Qualifying for state competition were Carter, Taylor, Brown, Shade, Daggs and Goins.



SILENT OBSERVER — Brian Fouch awaits his turn on the field as his event approaches. Many members often felt anxiety while they waited for their turn to compete.

WILLPOWER — Senior William Carter turns on the power as he gets off to a good start at a meet. Carter practiced hard and the results paid off as he placed third in the state meet.





UP AND OVER — Mitch Rector completes a jump while the judge observes. The high jump was only one of many events in which team members competed.



HERE I COME! Brian Widener shows determination as he approaches his jump. Widener finished a close second place at the V-T meet.

IS THERE ANY PROBLEM? Coaches Dave Davis and Kevin Sours discuss an upcoming event with distance runner Chris Jessee. Advice from the coaches was taken readily by teammates.



MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK — Don Sanderson. *Back Row:* William Carter, Sammy Murray, Chris Icenhour, Joe Taylor, Mitch Rector, Brian Widener, Chris Jessee and Donald Hill. *Front row:* Kelly Klepper, Jeff Surratt, Jeff Stork, Michael Grigsby and Chad Penley. *Second row:* Kevin Waldo, Lile Riviello, Leroy Worley, John Rowe and

OUTDOOR TRACK

Records broken:

William Carter, 800m in 1 min., 53.3 sec. at state meet

Tyrone Mitchell, 100m in 10.65 sec. at Powell Valley Invitational meet

* No team scores available

Despite disappointing season, hard work, dedication leads to

TEAM PRIDE

With the exception of a few individual performances, the girls' outdoor track season proved to be a disappointing one. Although the team worked hard all season, things just never fell into place for them.

One tradition was carried out, however, and that was team spirit and pride. Through the dedicated coaching of Dave Davis and Kevin Sours,

the striving teammates worked hard throughout the entire season. Getting into top shape and being able to run their best for the meets entered was first in the ambitious team's minds.

Although the team as a whole did not qualify for the regionals, seven members of the team did qualify, with five of them continuing on to the state level. In the state compe-

tion, the 800-meter relay team of Tracey Brown, Tracey Bunche, Tonya Shade and Tamara Daggs placed fifth in their field.

Coach Sours summed up the season when he said, "Although we didn't accomplish what our potential was capable of, I was very pleased with the attitudes and effort put forth by many of the team members."

ALMOST THERE — Participants in the 100-yard dash give it their all as they strive for the finish line. This meet was the first of the year for the tracksters, held at Tennessee High.

CONCENTRATION — Taking a load off of her feet, Angie Rutledge throws the discus. Rutledge, although a freshman, was a tough contender in her events.

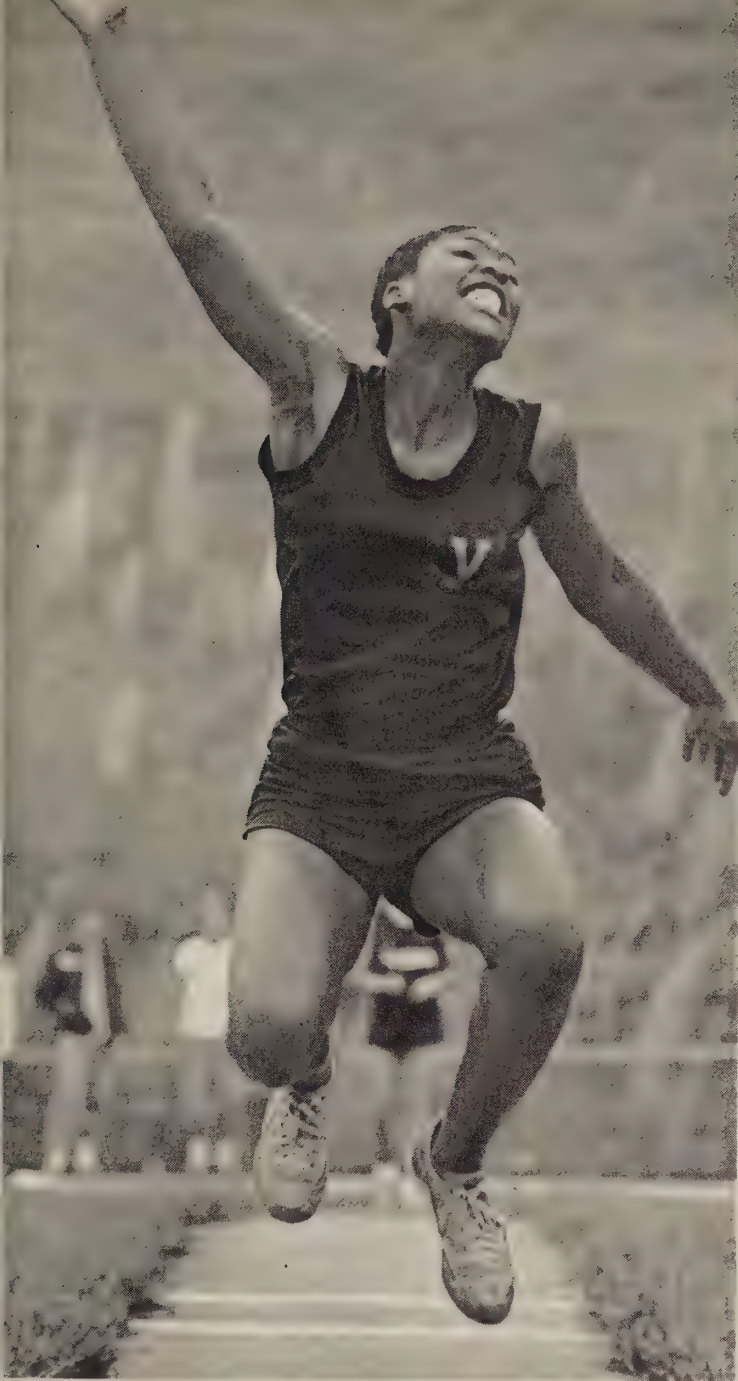


1984 GIRLS' TRACK TEAM
— Front row: Michelle Thompson, Kim Goins, Jill Honaker and Becky Harkins.
Back row: Jeanne Perry, Tracey Bunche, Becky Jackson, Sharon Smith and Angie Rutledge. **Not pictured:** Tonya Shade, Tamara Daggs, Lori Robbins, Tracey Brown, Donna Thompson, Angie Price, Renee Bunche and Rhonda Carter.

GIRLS' TRACK

Meets Attended:
 Dan Crowe Relays Abingdon Relays
 QUAD Salem Relays
 V-T Meet Southwest District
 Powell Valley Region IV
 Dogwood Relays AA State
 Wytheville Relays





REACHING FOR THE SKY — Lady trackster Kim Smith strains for the extra inch in her long jump at the Abingdon relays. Smith placed third in the regionals and proved to be an excellent performer.

WATCHING IT GO — Junior Donna Thompson watches intently as her shotput sails through the air. Thompson was a transfer student and proved to be an asset to the team.



IN FLIGHT — Senior Angie Price and Freshman Becky Harkins race neck and neck in the 300m hurdles event. Price and Harkins were both steady performers throughout the season.

With city, district,
region crowns under
belts, Gupton, squad

ACE OPPOSITION

Tradition — this word encompassed an entire season's goals for the men's tennis team.

After a three-year drought of consecutive runner-up finishes in the district, the 'Cats shocked most observers by rolling into the state semi-finals. That was, most observers excluding the die-hard fans, the players and Coach Fish Gupton, who expected no less.

The 'Cats stormed off to an outstanding start by shutting

out their first seven opponents. The squad also completed its Southwest District slate with a record seven shutouts. A successful spring tour to South Carolina also highlighted the year, as the squad picked up two wins to a single loss, at the hands of a Camden squad that boasted the region's top-ranked singles player and doubles team.

By blasting cross-town rival Tennessee High by a count of 7-2, the 'Cats claimed the city championship that had eluded them for the past two years. Yet, the squad, composed of seniors Bobby Blevins and Tim Faulkner, juniors Emmett Bane, Eric Sikorski and Stephen Smith and sophomore Eric Hurt, claimed its biggest victories against intrastate competition.

Preseason goals consisted mainly of regaining the Southwest District crown by beating the Marion Scarlet Hurricane. The 'Cats and the 'Canes clashed in the tournament fin-

als on Marion's homecourts. The 'Cats stormed to victory as Blevins, Faulkner and Hurt rolled to easy victories and Smith claimed victory in a tough three-set match. Hurt and Smith sealed the 'Canes' fate with a number three doubles win. Several members; Blevins, Bane, Faulkner, Sikorski and Smith, made the all-District team, with Blevins and Coach Gupton gaining Player and Coach-of-the-Year honors.

As the 'Cats moved into the Region IV final at the Bristol Indoor Tennis Center against Radford's Bobcats, numerous observers still labelled the squad "underdogs." However, the team routed Radford with singles victories from Blevins, Faulkner, Sikorski, Smith and Hurt en route to a 7-2 victory. Blevins shared Region IV Player-of-the-Year honors with Radford's Chris Dobbins, who advanced to the state in singles. Faulkner and Smith joined their teammate on the

all-Region squad, while Gupton again garnered Coach-of-the-Year honors.

The 'Cats' 6-3 loss in the state semi-finals did not dampen the season, as Blevins and Faulkner won their singles matches and Hurt and Smith teamed for a doubles victory. Numerous fans attended the match with the Martinsville Bulldogs at Christiansburg, VA.

Senior co-captains Blevins and Faulkner shared the honor of most valuable player. In relation to the squad's overall season, Blevins commented, "I was pleased with our performance. We exceeded most expectations." Faulkner added, "Our biggest victory was that over Marion. That seemed to get the team rolling."

Despite the loss in the state semi-finals, the season was memorable for several reasons. However, most importantly for the team and Coach Gupton, the successful season renewed that old tradition.



CRUNCH! Junior Eric Sikorski follows through on a forehand in the match with Castlewood during the First Annual Fishbowl Tournament. Sikorski won this match easily and claimed first place in the tournament.

TENNIS

14-4

VHS	OPPONENT
9	0 Lebanon
9	0 John Battle
9	0 Abingdon
9	0 Graham
9	0 Morristown East
9	0 Tazewell
9	0 Richlands
3	6 Science Hill
8	1 Sumter
3	6 Camden
8	1 Hartsville
7	2 Tennessee High
9	0 Castlewood
3	6 Marion

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

9	0	Richlands
5	4	Marion

REGION TOURNAMENT

7	2	Radford
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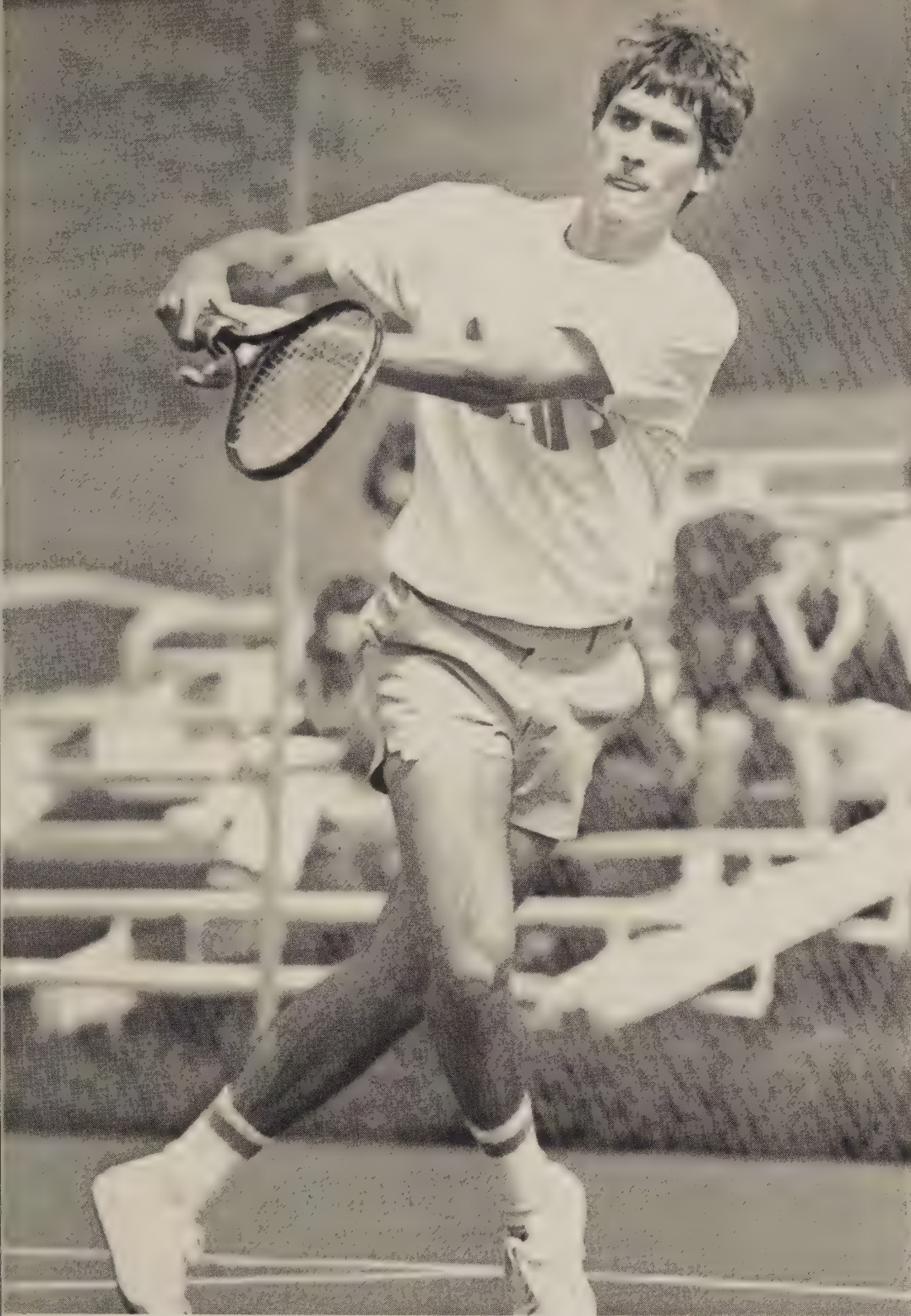
STATE TOURNAMENT

3	6	Martinsville
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TENNIS — Front row: Paige Gupton. Second row: Eric Adams, Matt Thiel, Eric Sandefur, Pat Widener and Dave King. Back

row: Coach Gene Fish Gupton, Bobby Blevins, Emmett Bane, Tim Faulkner, Eric Sikorski, Stephen Smith and Eric Hurt.



CONCENTRATION — Senior Bobby Blevins nails a backhand winner against Terry Walker of Marion. Blevins routed Walker in straight sets 6-3, 6-2 to claim the Southwest District singles championship.

"ONE FOR YOU" Head Coach Gene Fish Gupton presents first place medals to Tim Faulkner and Emmett Bane. Bane and Faulkner claimed top honors at the number two and three positions, respectively, during the First Annual Fishbowl Tournament.



SIDELINE SUPPORT — Fans and players alike join to guide the team to another victory. With this support, the 'Cats claimed the City, Southwest District and Region IV titles before falling in the state semifinals.



New coach, three vets
form nucleus of squad
that claimed district

BRONZE

With a new coach and only three returning starters from last year's district runner-up squad, preseason outlooks were grim for the lady 'Cats. Yet, with sheer determination and talent, the team posted a 6-4 overall record and claimed third place in the Southwest District.

A few surprises awaited Head Coach Teresa Necessary in her first year at the helm. Aside from the return of senior Tammy Curtis, junior Tracie Hennes and sophomore Beth Lohman, Coach Necessary also had two talented first-year players, sophomore Mary Kay Settle, who held down the number four position, and freshman Tara Wiesley, in the number five slot.

The lady 'Cats rolled up a record of 5-2 in district play, which was good enough for a third place finish and an automatic berth in the first ever district tournament. The squad met Graham in an away match and fell 8-1 in the semi-finals. The sole victor was Curtis in the number two position.

Despite the four losses at the hands of Graham, Tazewell and cross-town rival Tennessee High, individual honors brightened the season for this young squad. Hennes, Curtis and Lohman represented the 'Cats on the twelve member all-District squad. Curtis, with only two losses on the season, gained the T.T. Hammack award as the most valuable performer.



BYSTANDER? Head coach Teresa Necessary plays close attention to a district match. In her first season as coach, Mrs. Necessary led the squad to a third-place finish in the district.

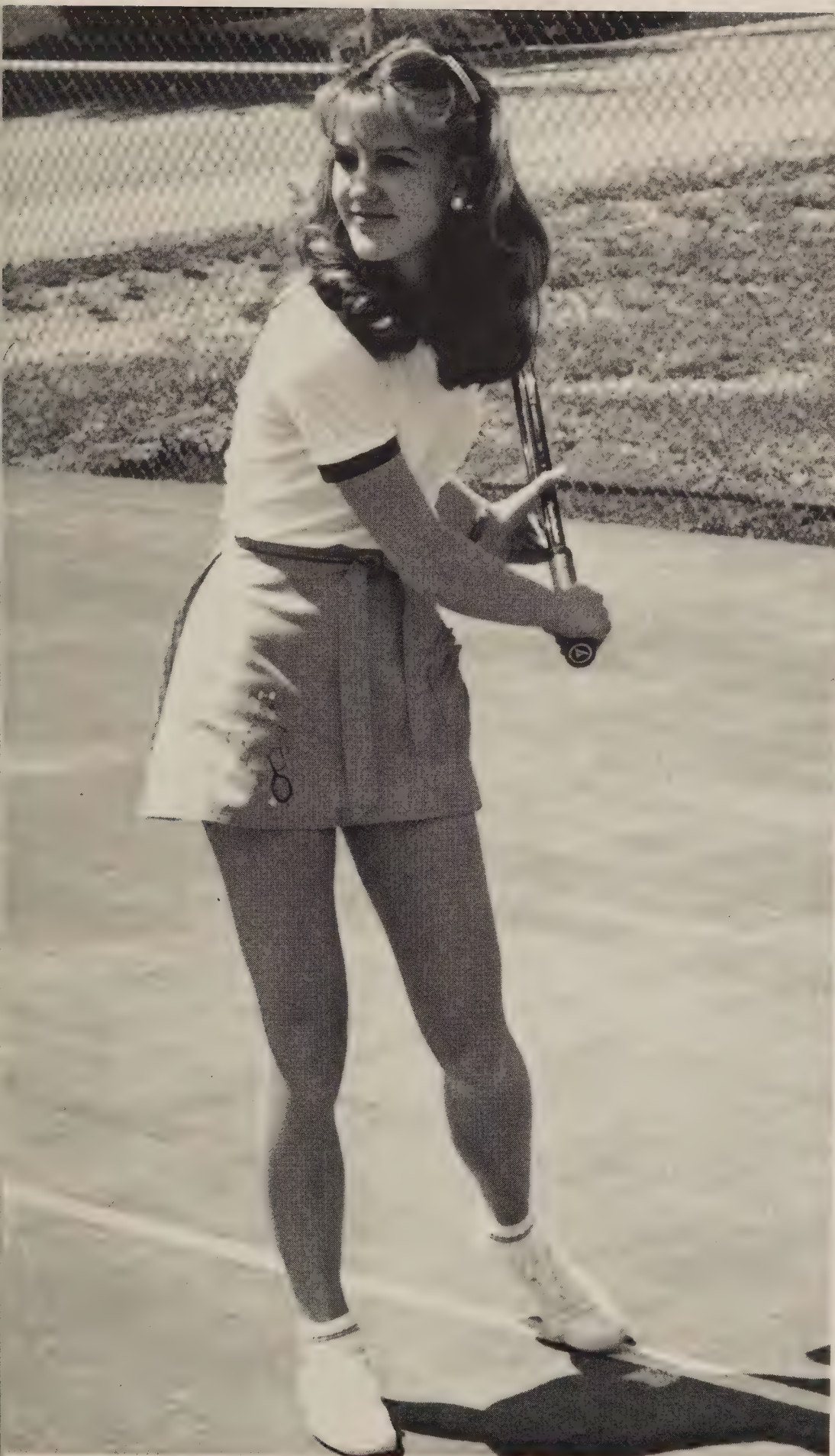
"THE GANG'S ALL HERE" Team members confer prior to the match against cross-town rival Tennessee High. Despite this conference and several three-set matches, the 'Cats fell to the Lady Vikes by a count of 9-0.

TENNIS 6-4

VHS	OPPONENT
7	1 Lebanon
1	8 Tazewell
0	9 Graham
8	1 Sullivan East
7	2 Richlands
0	9 Tennessee High
6	3 Abingdon
7	2 Marion
7	0 John Battle
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	
1	8 Graham



TENNIS — Front row: Angela Courtney, Beth Lohman, Susan Sikora, Mary Kay Settle, Michelle Bussey and April Dillow. Back row: Tracie Hennes, Tammy Curtis, Hope Thomas, Tonnie Moretz, Tara Wiesley, Helena Holmqvist and Coach Teresa Necessary.



PATIENCE — Freshman Tara Wiesley waits for the ball during a home match. Breaking into the top six during her first year, Wiesley contributed numerous wins at the number five slot.



STRETCH! Senior Tammy Curtis bends on her backhand follow-through during the match with Tennessee High. Although Curtis lost this match with Sally Reuning, she rebounded to become the most valuable player with only one district loss.

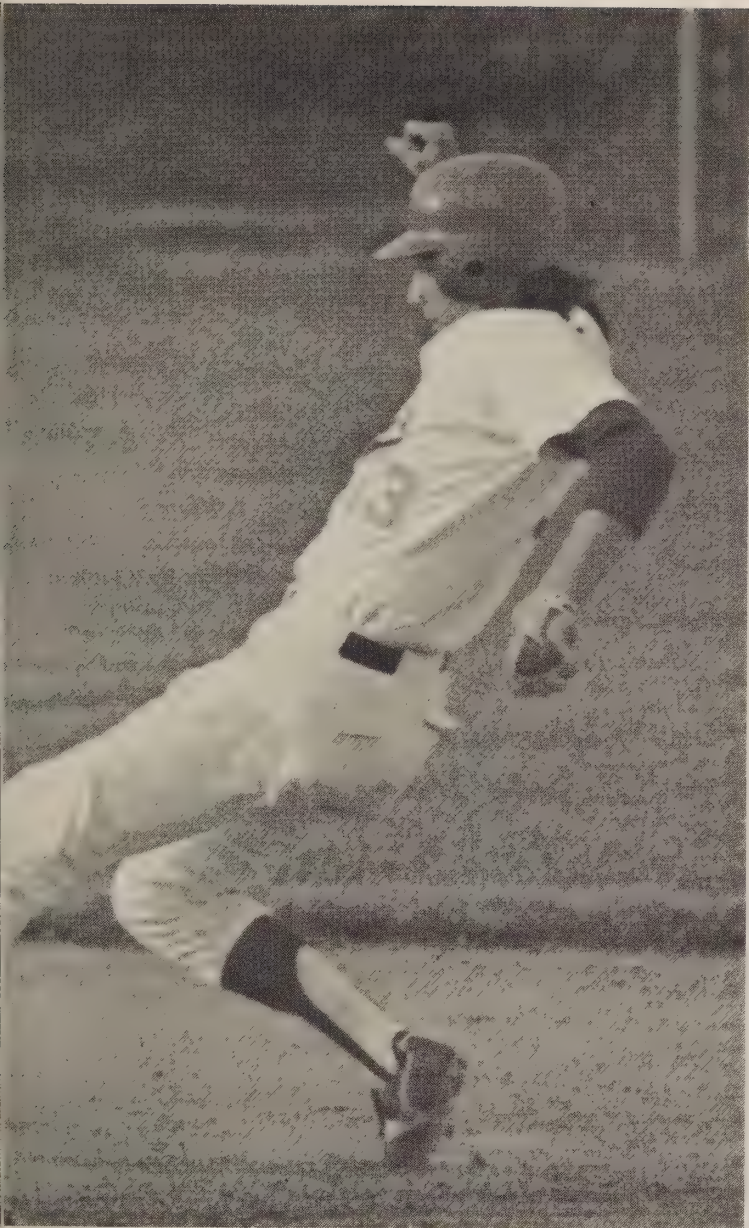
"LET'S GO GUYS!" While pacing the side lines, Coach Eddie Icenhour cheers on the team during a game against Tennessee High. Yet, despite support from coach and fans, the 'Cats lost both times they confronted the Vikings.



AND HE'S OUT! Sophomore Kevin Farmer makes a force at second on THS' Gerry Watkins. However, the Vikings managed to pull off a two-run win, the final score being 6-4.



RIGHT UNDER HIS NOSE — Abingdon High's David Nunley swipes second base while Kevin Jessee hovers above. Jessee, a senior, lead the team in number of walks (20) and stolen bases (8).



With a loss in the district tournament, 'Cats lose that ole

MAGIC

After two state championships in the last four years, the baseball team was hoping to procure the state crown once again, but it was not to be.

Consequently, "disappointing" was the comment of many of the players about their season. The team lost to John S. Battle High School in the quarter-final round of the Southwest District Tournament,

earning two runs to Battle's six. Still, despite the loss of the district tournament, the season was a winning one, the final record standing at ten wins and eight losses.

The regular season was completed with, ironically, a strong win over John S. Battle High. Greg Turner pitched a perfect game with ten strikeouts en route to a 7-0 victory in

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BASEBALL 10-8

VHS	OPPONENT
2	3 North
3	0 Richlands
0	3 South
4	3 Gate City
25	4 Grundy
4	6 THS
5	0 Graham
2	11 THS
3	1 John Battle
9	4 East
9	3 Patrick Henry
1	5 Abingdon
5	8 East
12	6 Marion
7	0 John Battle
6	7 Tazewell
15	7 Lebanon
2	6 John Battle



BASEBALL TEAM — Front row: Tracy Parker, Todd Jackson, Mark Groves, Kevin Jessee, Derrick Arnold, Steve Pope and Scotty White. Second row: Manager Jimmy Webb, Benji Mumpower, Jimmy Nave, John Icen-

hour, Donny Hoss, Wayne Hess, Shane Sullivan, Kevin Christy and Manager Lee Freeman. Third row: Scorekeeper David Walker, Chris Turner, Doug Lambert, Jeff Shelton, Gary Bowers, Kevin Farmer, Mike Francisco, Jon

Crutchfield and Trainer Dave Roberts. Back row: Asst. Coach Bill Halstead, Manager Lance Stewart, Danny Gilliam, Ricky Fisher, Greg Turner, Mike Mech, Mark Daniels, Michael Lock, Coach Eddie Icenhour.

IS IT REALLY WORTH IT? After being hit by a pitch in the knee, senior Kevin Jessee watches the rest of the game from the bench.

Jessee was hit by a pitch against John Battle in the first round of the District Tournament.



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MAGIC

which Turner also had two hits and scored one run.

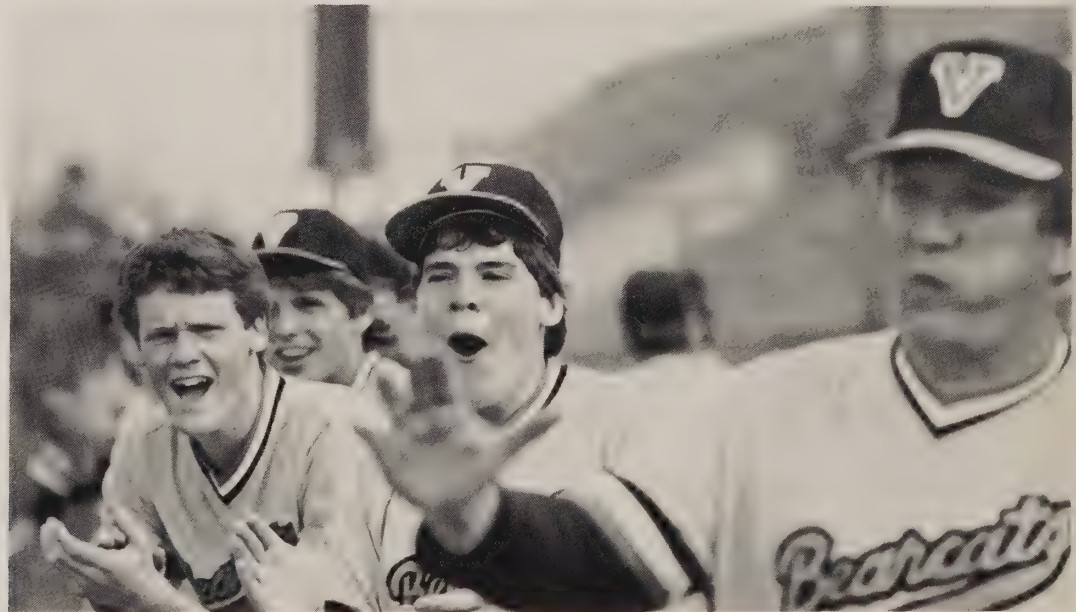
Outstanding marks on the season included a team high of two home runs by Mike Mech, Donny Hoss and Greg Turner, with Turner racking up 15 runs-batted-in, as well. Mike Francisco scored a total of 42 runs for the season, another team high, and Kevin Jessee lead the team in stolen bases

with a grand total of eight.

Greg Turner also led the team with the highest batting average, hitting .367 in sixty at-bats. The least errors committed during the season were by Mike Mech and Jeff Shelton, who each ended the season with a 100% fielding average.

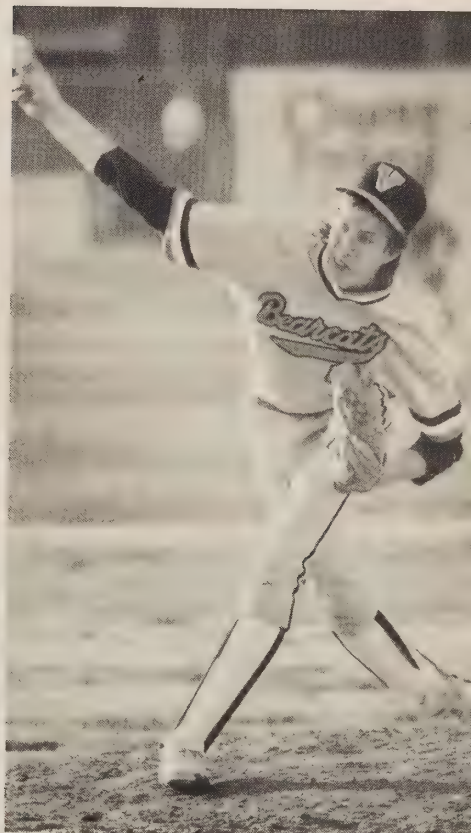
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WHAT A HIT! After hitting his second home run of the season, Greg Turner is greeted by teammates Wayne Hess, Mike Mech, Doug Lambert and Coach Eddie Icenhour at home plate. Turner, when not pitching, served as a designated hitter due to his power hitting.





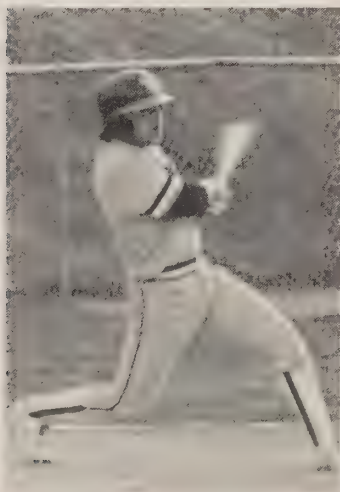
DEFYING GRAVITY — Stealing third, Tennessee High's Jerry Watkins slides under the tag of Donnie Hoss. The 'Cats, hosting the Vikings in the first of two games, lost 6-4 to the AAA team.

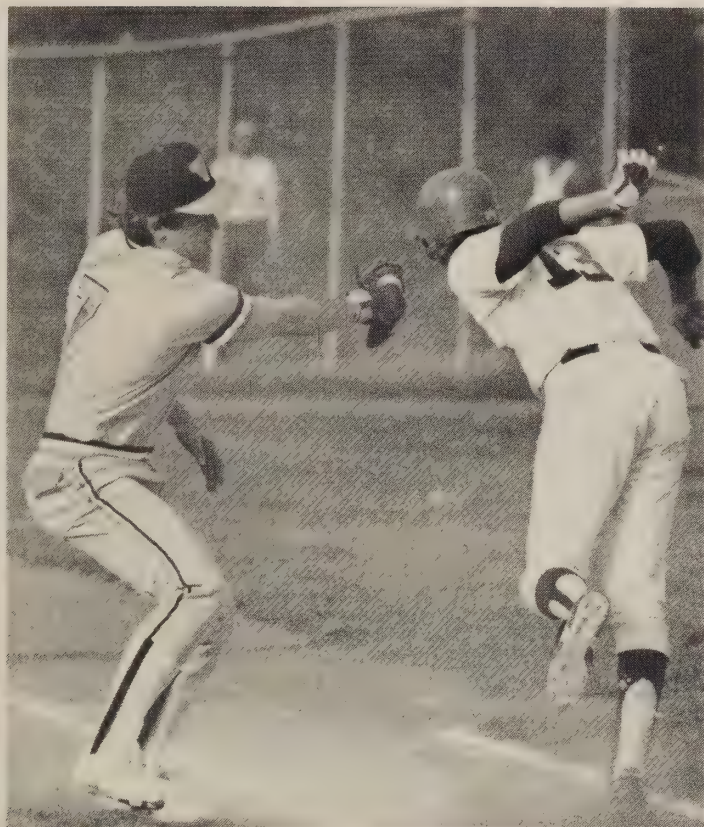


WHAT A CURVE — On his way to another victory, sophomore Jimmy Nave throws a no-hitter for five innings against Marion with seven strikeouts. Nave, along with Greg Turner, received the pitching award at the All-Sports Banquet.

POISED FOR THE STRIKE —
With a look of determination on his face, junior Greg Turner prepares to unleash a fastball to an opposing batter. Turner, a leading pitcher for the Bearcats, pitched a perfect game against John S. Battle High School.

INTO THE SWING OF THINGS
— Tracy Parker takes a crack at the ball during a game against Tennessee High. Parker, a senior, ended up the season with a .222 batting average.





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MAGIC

Nave, sophomore pitcher and second-year member of the team, "Our baseball season was more of a disappointment than anything else. This season we had the same line-up as last year except that Michael Talley and Danny Webb, who were two big factors in last year's championship, were missing. The main reason it was a disappointment was because everyone was expecting a repeat of last year's state ti-

tle."

In spite of the "disappointing" outcome of the season, some players still expressed optimistic viewpoints.

Junior Kevin Farmer added, "The magic just wasn't there this season. We didn't have that one person that kept everybody going, but I'm looking forward to a great season next year, especially since we'll still have all of our pitching talent."

GOTCHA! THS is forced to swallow another out, despite hitter Gerry Watkins' attempts to

dodge a tag by Mike Francisco. Francisco played first base for the 'Cats.



ALL TOGETHER NOW ... Players and coach take time out for a pep talk before getting back into the action of the game. Fellow team members were a source of support throughout the season.

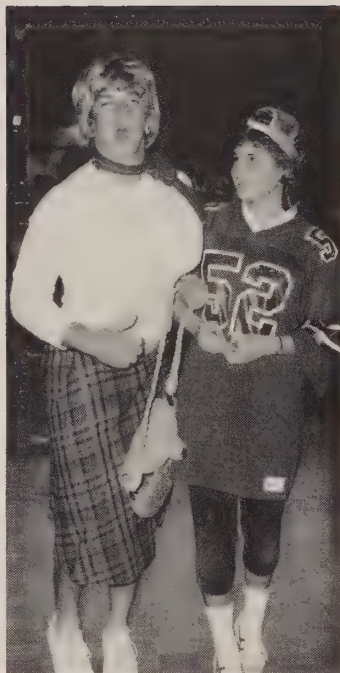
EASY DOES IT — Aided by Trainer Dave Roberts, Jeff Mink, Manager Lee Freeman and Rosy Duckett, Kevin Jessee hobbles toward the dugout. Jessee was caught in the knee by a stray pitch during a game against John S. Battle High School.

Neither rain nor snow
nor sub-zero weather
can dampen the girls'

SPIRIT

"AIN'T I BEAUTIFUL?" Sophomore Julie Jordan escorts "JoAnna" Almany in the annual Homecoming pep rally. Even though this couple got their share of applause, the reigning winners were "Michelle" Mech and escort Michelle Widener.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Long hours of summer practice contribute to the performance of cheers, stunts and shouts. These practices were a necessity to improve skills.



HALFTIME SHOW — JV cheerleaders prove that "Our Team's Better" by promoting spirit during halftime. This time became a highlight of every game.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — Front row: Captain Jan Balthis and Michelle Widener. Second row: Kelli Walker and Lisa McCrosky. Back row: Keelie Oar, Julie Jordan, Lisa Crockett and Tabetha Gerdes.



Bearcats are what? RED HOT!!" was heard among other vigorous shouts, bellowing from deep within the voice boxes of a certain sixteen students. What could possibly explain these sudden outbursts coupled with the making of pyramids and trying stunts? One could usually find the cheerleaders behind these activities. These students were essential for boosting the moral of both the fans and players.

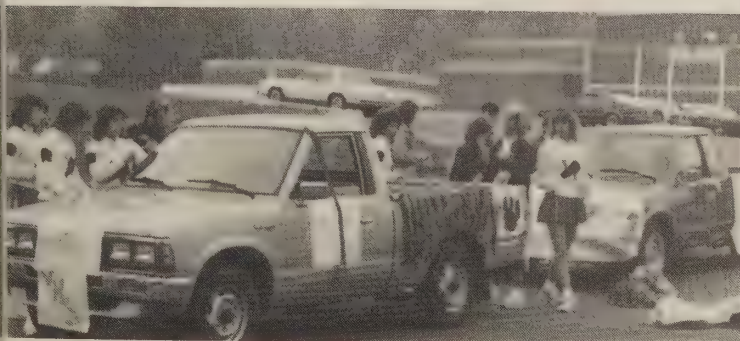
Most people pictured "cheerleader" as meaning a girl who wore her school colors, and showed off her school spirit. What they did not realize was the hard work that came with the package. Practice began quickly after tryouts and continued through the whole year. Even though summer usually meant sleeping late, early mornings plagued these choice girls. Cheerleaders were required to arise bright and early in order to perfect cheers and precarious stunts. One week in June was spent dedicated entirely to this cause. During this time, Appalachian State University was their home-away-from-home. It was there that new cheers and activities were learned to per-

form in the new school year. The squad also competed with other schools, achieving one red and three blue ribbons and two spirit awards.

After summer came the most vital part of cheerleading — games! When school started, cheerleaders worked twice as hard. One could always differentiate a cheerleader from the rest of the student body because pom-pom strands peered through the slits in her locker, and bags of candy were carried on top of her books en route to her assigned athletes. Pulled muscles, strains and horse voices were often the results of a Friday night ballgame. But, evidently, all the work was worth it. Head cheerleader Jan Balthis summed it up, "Cheerleading took a lot of hard work and dedication but it was worth every bit of the work we put into it. It gave me the opportunity to meet new people and to contribute school spirit as well. It taught me how to handle more responsibilities, and how to take pride in my school and what I stand for. If I had it all to do over again, I wouldn't change a thing. It's been a blast!!!"

TOUCHDOWN — Cheerleaders shout for joy as the football team rolls across the goal line. These

girls raised team moral and were spirit-lifters for the crowd as well.



READY FOR THE ROAD — Cheerleaders decorate their entry for the annual car parade during

V-T Week. At this event students traveled across town to display spirit.



NEW KID IN TOWN — Cheerleaders welcome transfer student Tracy Parker to VHS. These girls were an important part of freshmen and new student orientation at the beginning of the year.

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — Front row — Jill Crutchfield, Captain Amy Mull and Kim Pierce. Back row: Kim Blevins, Suzette Gray, Kim Crowe and Susan Willis.

BRAGGING RIGHTS — Showing off their trophies, junior Greg Turner and senior Tracy Parker reveal their pride in their achievements. Both Turner and Parker received awards from Head Baseball Coach Eddie Icen-hour.



"THANKS!" Basketball Coach Ballard Lee congratulates Kevin Jessee for one of his numerous awards. Among others, Jessee received awards for free-throw shooting and assists.

AFTER DINNER CHAT — Athletes and their dates chat following the buffet dinner. The PTA provided the meal and the decorations for the event.



Athletes trade gear
for suits, dresses
on night recognizing

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS

With the games and meets finally over, athletes once again gathered to reap rewards. The annual banquet, served and decorated by the PTA, was followed by the award ceremonies sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club.

Tyrone Mitchell and Tracey Brown were the recipients of the coveted James Farmer award for outstanding male and female athletes. Tim Faulkner received the Cecil Rasnick scholarship award for being the senior athlete with the highest academic standing.

Brian Buchanan received the Feathers-McEvers award for outstanding football performance. The Brantley-Jessee

A FOND ADIEU — Responding to a standing ovation from the crowd, Athletic Director Lawrence Bradley waves farewell. Bradley retired this year after serving in this capacity for the past nine years.

Basketball award went to Kevin Jessee and Angie Rutledge, while William Carter and Tracey Brown received the Gene Malcom track award.

The T.T. Hammack awards were presented to Brian Buchanan for wrestling, Tammy Curtis for girls' tennis, Tim Faulkner and Bobby Blevins for men's tennis, and Steve Duckett for golf.

Other awards in football were presented to Tyrone Mitchell, best offensive back; Joe Almany, best defensive back; Chris Icenhour, best offensive lineman; Brian Buchanan, best defensive lineman.

Basketball awards were presented to Kevin Jessee, assists and free throws; Mike Mech, rebounds; Spencer Horton, Mr. Hustle; Danny Chambers, most improved; Angie Rutledge, assists; Lori Robbins, free throws; Rhonda Carter re-

bounds and Kim Smith, Miss Hustle. Baseball awards were Most Valuable Player, Greg Turner; Mark Groves, defense; Greg Turner, hitting and pitching; Jimmy Nave, pitching and Tracy Parker, Mr. Hustle.

Other award winners included Joe Almany and Brian Buchanan, wrestling; William Carter and Tracey Brown, track; Chris Icenhour and Becky Webb, cross country; William Carter and Tracey Brown, indoor track; Teri Arnold and Rhonda Carter, volleyball; Andy Dannhardt and Amy Geiger, swimming; and Dave Roberts the Teddy Slagle, managerial award.

The Kiwanis Paul Cook Memorial Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Chris Lane, football; Steve Duckett, golf; Tyrone Mitchell, basketball; Pete Morenings, wrestling; Emmett Bane, men's tennis; April Dillow, girls' tennis;

Mitch Rector, men's indoor and outdoor track; Kim Goins, girls' outdoor track; Angie Rutledge, girls' indoor track; Kevin Jessee, baseball; Helena Holmqvist, volleyball; Rhonda Carter, girls' basketball and Kevin Worley, swimming.



"DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY" — Kris Cunningham and Steve Smith spend time on the dance floor following the awards presentation. Athletes and their dates took advantage of the dance deejayed by Tyson Kress.



Chalk one
up for
our side



"IT'S LIKE THIS" — Keyette Sponsor Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit explains the club agenda to President Lisa Crockett and Sweetheart Chris Lane. Sponsors and students alike worked hard in various fund-raising projects.

Originality

Clubs raise funds through innovative methods

Especially hard hit by economic troubles, clubs and organizations turned to original methods of fund-raising, while also relying on numerous conventional methods. The selling of such items as carnations to pizzas solved money problems for several clubs.

Flowers moved near the top of the list of items to sell in at least two cases. Junior Civitans members sold corsages during V-T Week. These corsages, made of mums, ranged in price from one to two dollars. During Valentine's week, the SCA sold pink, red and white carnations, to give to that "special someone".

Another popular fund-raiser, seemingly more conventional, relied upon a true characteristic of all teens — an insatiable craving for pizza. The Big Orange Band handled the distribution of these items — complete with a ready-made crust, sauce, cheese and extras.

The FBLA continued another popular tradition, the selling of Monster-grams and Valentine-grams. These shaped pieces of construction paper, complete with witty or serious messages, were available for the small fee of 25¢. In order to discover the name of the sender, recipients paid a nominal sum for a look at the list.

In order to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth and also raise funds, numerous clubs stuck to the old stand-bys — candy and doughnuts. Types of candy ranged from lollipops to M & M's to chocolate bars, while doughnuts, fresh from Krispy Kreme, were popular selling items on weekends.

Despite economic obstacles, clubs were able to raise money to cover expenses. Thus members and advisers could exclaim, "Chalk one up for our side."

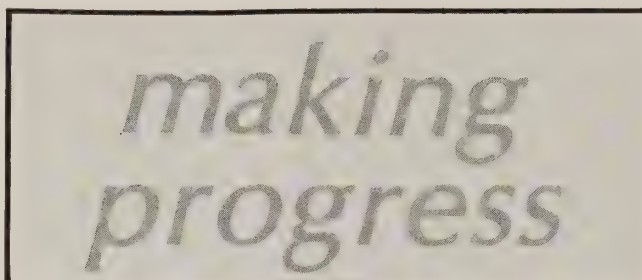


SNACK TIME — Following the Beta Club induction, juniors Jeff Shelton and Walter Dannhardt help themselves to a snack. The induction of new members was one of the highlights of this honors club.

Striving for school spirit or a school sign, efforts centered on

Leadership ability and school spirit seemed to be completely opposite characteristics. Yet, the SCA and Pep Club worked for virtually the same purpose. Both organizations strived for the betterment of the school.

Whether it be through the means of pep rallies, V-T tags, or discussing students' needs with administrators, each club volunteered its own time and effort to make a better environment around the school. As we all know, getting things done can be tough. But, the Student Council Association saw the demands of the students, and did their best to carry them out. The longtime argument to go out for lunch was pacified as the group worked to bring a salad bar into the



school cafeteria. This goal was achieved in May, giving one more choice for deciding what to have for lunch.

Possibly the largest project the SCA carried out was collecting funds for the school sign. This organization sold carnations at \$1 each during Valentine's week in order to earn money towards this goal. For this purpose, they also sponsored the Student/Faculty basketball game at the end

of the year. Once again, the teachers reigned over the students in the end, for a 59-38 victory.

School spirit was heard through vigorous shouts at football games and it was seen in the form of football tags and V-T posters. The Pep Club was responsible for maintaining enthusiasm throughout the year, although this was not a difficult task to perform.

This organization began early in the year by making

football tags with players' names on them for football fans to wear the day of the game. They also became organized long before V-T Week in order to have things perfected. Streamers, balloons and murals covered the walls assigned to this club.

Either through the means of compromises with administrators for the wants of students, or by school spirit exhibited during events, the Student Council Association and the Pep Club were certainly heard with loud voices.

"WHAT COLOR?" President Marmi Jordan and Secretary Lynn Thomas sell Amy Geiger a flower. Proceeds from the sale went to the school sign fund.

STUDENT-FACULTY STEERING COMMITTEE — Front row: Noel Dillow, April Spangler, Lisa Crockett, Michael Grigsby, Todd Shy, Todd Jackson and Tim Faulkner. Second row: Sponsor Sue Shaw, Marmi Jordan, Mitch Rector, Sharon Smith, Amy Geiger and Beth Lohman. Third row: Jenny Mink, Lynn Thomas, Cindy Bowers, Suzanne Corley, Mona Sledge, Tammy Bowers and Steve Smith. Back row: Michael Breeding, Steve Hall and Chris Icenhour.



SCA OFFICERS — President Marmi Jordan, Vice-President Cindy Bowers, Secretary Lynn Thomas, Treasurer Sharon Smith and Reporter Suzanne Corley.





PEP CLUB — Front row: President Lisa Fraley, Vice-President Natalie Thomas, Treasurer Kathy Mays, Secretary Michelle Stout, Art Committee Members Susan Dixon

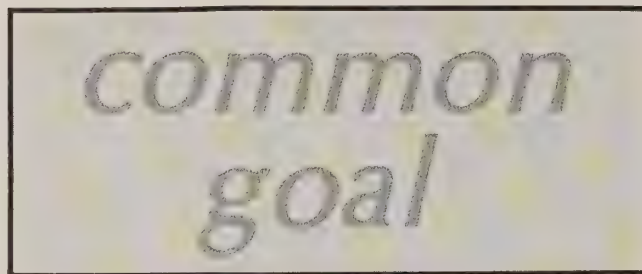
and Debbie Robinson. Second row: Sharon Jackson, Julie Jordan, Lisa McCroskey, Amy Mull, Kim Dakin, Cindy Hutchins, Angie Carico, Angie Scott and Lorre Hawkins.

Back row: Jan Balthis, Jill Crutchfield, Suzette Gray, Kelli Walker, Michelle Widen-er, Tabetha Gerdes, Tammy Peters, Susan Willis and Kim Blevins.

BECOMING INVOLVED — Lisa Fraley and Kim Dakin work to finalize the plans for the next ballgame. Football tags were prepared in advance, picked up Friday mornings, and worn throughout the school day.

Affiliation with Bristol Civitan Club gives service clubs a

Junior Civitan and Civinettes ... separate clubs with a common element, affiliation with the Bristol Civitan Club. Both service clubs enjoyed a busy and successful year with their sponsors, Mr. Frank Mitchell and Ms. Sue Cressel.



At the same time, the Civinettes were busy making posters and preparing for the annual V-T week balloon throw. Members of the faculty volunteered to be donned in raincoats and helmets to ride tricycles while being pelted by water balloons thrown by students for 25¢ a throw. Many students participated just so they could get back at the teacher who made them stay in detention hall or who had given them too much homework.

HELP! Bekki Webb, with the assistance of Jennifer Romanoff and others, decorates during V-T week. Much time went into thinking of ideas for these signs.

At the V-T football game, girls could be found wearing orange chrysanthemums, single or double, with fancy VHS lettering and orange and black rib-

bons. The corsages were sold by the Junior Civitans to help raise money for their trip to Andrew Johnson's home in Greenville, Tenn. as well as for other activities.



CIVITANS — Front Row: Wade Hamilton, Sergeant-at-arms Jon Cruthchfield, Secretary Mike Musick, Treasurer Robbie Vincill, President Trevor Hamilton. Back Row: Da-

vid Frackelton, Damon Faulkner, Sponsor Frank Mitchell, Vice-President Brian Fouch and Chaplin Chris Oliver (not pictured).

MAKING PLANS — Sponsor Frank Mitchell talks with Trevor Hamilton, Civitan president, about the club's main project, selling corsages for V-T week. This was a popular project with the students.





LET'S PAINT! Tonnie Moretz finishes a poster to hang up on the walls for V-T week. Many students contributed their time to paint and decorate to show their support during the week.



CIVINETTES — Front row: Sponsor Sue Cressel, Historian Bekki Webb, President Tonnie Moretz, Treasurer Julia Mullins. Vice-President Melissa Brooks. Back row: Kamini Desai, Kim Childress, Stefanie Leonard, Sharon Smith, Amy Geiger, Kim Dakin, Tara Wiesley, Susan Sikora.



KEYETTES — Front row: Vice President Tammy Peters, President Lisa Crockett, Secretary Angie Scott, Treasurer Lorre Hawkins, Reporter Jan Balthis, Sergeant-at-arms Emma Williams, Tracie

Hennes and Sweetheart Chris Lane. Second row: Natalie Thomas, Lisa Fraley and Robin Sprouse. Third row: Cindy Hutchins, Joyce Brown, Tracey Brown, Tabettha Gerdes, Sandra Harding, Kim Ramey,

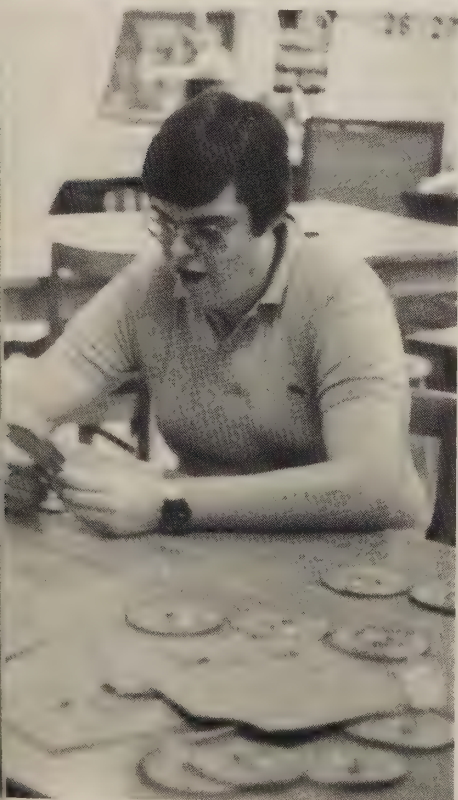
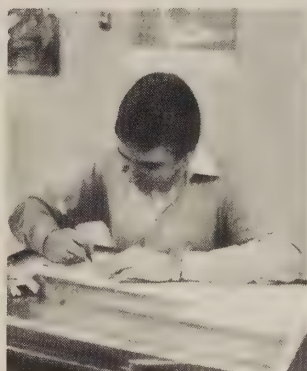
Keelie Oar and Michelle Widener. Back row: Stephanie Johnson, Karen Yon, Kathy Yon, Tracy Stevens, Helena Holmqvist, Cathy Lawson, Sherry Wright and Joan Chorosevic.

Through creative projects, public service, students succeed in

Community service and leadership qualities were the immediate goals of the Keyette and Art clubs. Various activities such as providing the Haven of Rest with a turkey dinner for Thanksgiving, aiding the Carolina tor-

THRILLER — Marmi Jordan designs a poster for the Spring Festival. The poster was one of many that represented the theme, Virginia TV.

MAGIC MARKERS — Jody Long works on paper with colored pens. Art students had the opportunity to experiment with different materials learning to make creative designs.



spreading sunshine

nado victims, ushering at College Day, and adopting a family at Christmas and providing them with gifts and food, not only helped those who were in need but "enabled the Keyette club members to learn leadership and carry on the pride and dedication the club

stands for," said Lisa Crockett, club president.

While many clubs benefitted the community, others aided in bettering one's self. Art Club students competed in several areas, and participated in various activities.

While many students par-

ticipated in the safety poster contest, three of Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit's students brought back awards.

First place went to Richard Shuffler, second place to Jenny Atkins and third place to George Fields.

While some students spent their time competing, others spent their time in projects — one of which was designing a seal for the school system. This honor went to Cindy Bowers.

SURPRISE — Kathy Yon, Karen Yon and Tracey Brown wrap presents for Christmas. Keyettes gave gifts to a family during the holiday season.



TAGS — Rhonda Carter and Luke Statzer cut out V-T tags during art class. Art students made tags representing the theme of V-T Week, pirates.

ART CLUB OFFICERS — Reporter Joey Dutton, Class Representative Vicki Cross, Dena Harris, Treasurer Mark Bentley, Secretary Bettina Ly, Vice

President Kathy Harper, President Dana McKenna and Assistant Sponsor Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit.

CONGRATULATIONS! President Tim Faulkner and Treasurer Lisa Crockett welcome new member Tonnie Moretz into the Beta Club. The induction of the new members served to show what an honor it was to be in the club.

SENIOR BETA CLUB — Front row: President Tim Faulkner, Vice-President Todd Shy, Secretary Melissa Brooks, Treasurer Lisa Crockett and Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Jessee. Second row: Joan Chorosevic, Angie Scott, Donna Stroup, Tammy Richards, Kathy Yon and Karen Yon. Third row: Marmi Jordan, April Spangler, Michelle Hayter, Lisa Kiser, Tony Icenhour, Lisa Long and Owen Morrison. Back row: Brad Shutes, Ricky Fisher, Chris Icenhour, Albert Moore, Bill Roberts, Roger Counts and Trevor Hamilton.



DIG IN — Newly installed members Cindy Bowers and Brad Shutes enjoy refreshments after induction. The ceremony took place in the lunch room to accommodate all the members of the club.



Leaders in school and community, 46 students discover benefits of

Devoted hours of study paid off for 23 students as they were accepted into the Beta Club, an honor club reserved for academically excellent juniors and seniors.

Induction ceremonies were held in the lunch room to provide space for the 46-

achieving excellence

LOOK AT THIS — Melissa Brooks, Tim Faulkner and Todd Shy examine Beta Club materials. Special literature was sent to mark the national organization's 50th anniversary.

member assembly. Certificates, pins and cards were given to the new members, with refreshments following.

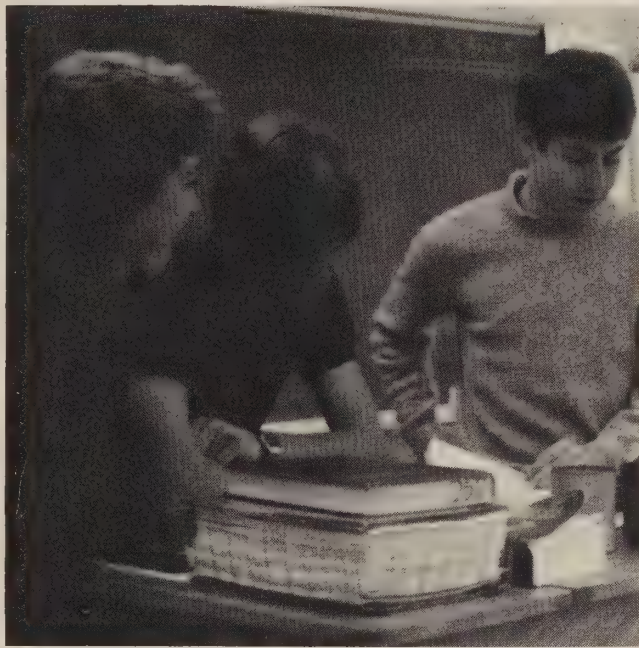
Requirements to join the club were set at a grade point average (GPA) of 3.2

with no grade lower than a C or a GPA of 3.5 with no grade lower than a D. The averages had to be maintained throughout the year to retain membership.

Several Beta Club students aided young elemen-

tary school children by giving individualized instruction. This service was offered for the first time at Central Presbyterian Church after school to help the youngsters who could not do their work without tutoring.

Senior members of the club received special honors at graduation. The top five academic students were distinguished by wearing Beta honor stoles while the remaining members were recognized by Beta honor cords.



JUNIOR BETA CLUB — Front row: Cindy Smith, Toni Shockley, Amy Geiger, Cindy Bowers, Tonnie Moretz, Char-

lie Dye, Michelle Widener and Valerie Wood. Back row: Bea Mitchell, Tammy Bowers, Cathy Lawson, Jeff Shelton,

Walter Dannhardt, Bobby Tipton, Steve Smith and Jarvis Offield.

PATIENTLY WAITING — Lisa Kiser, Michelle Hayter, Albert Moore and Tammy Richards have a friendly talk while waiting for the meeting to begin. Academic excellence, character and leadership ability comprised characteristics of the Beta Club.

TAPE PLEASE — Tony Icenhour hangs a poster during V-T week. The Drama Club was an active participant in V-T Week activities.

THESPIANS — *Front Row:* Cindy Smith, Lisa Tilley, Tony Icenhour and Lawrence White. *Back Row:* Michelle Dishner and Brian Widener.



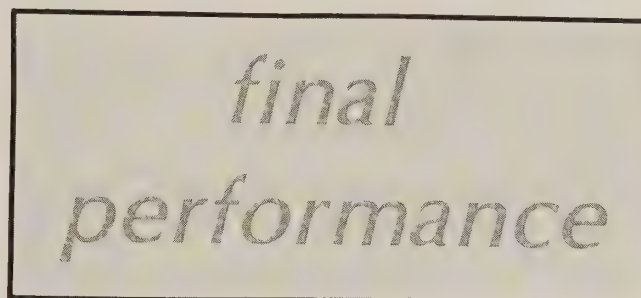
OH NO! Lisa Tilley laments a wet diaper in *Worst Play*. Many Drama Club members participated in the play by acting.



As actors or stage crew, Thespians focus all efforts on the

The lights dimmed. The curtains opened. Breath was held and hearts were stilled as the first lines of the play were spoken. Six weeks of hard work were on display and the applause at the closing of the play was a welcome reward for members of the Drama Club and

"EASY, BOY" — Sister Freda (Donna Stroup) greets the estranged 'Squirrel Boy' (Tony Icenhour). According to legend, Ivanha was left in the woods as an infant and raised by a family of squirrels.

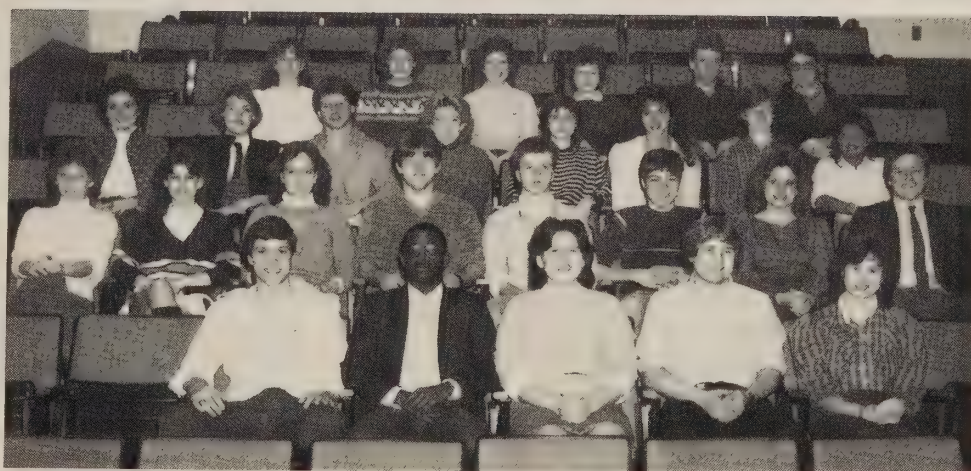


the Thespian Society.

Students participating in the Drama Club got a taste of what it was like working in the theatre by involving themselves deeply in the Theatre Department's fall

production, *The Worst High School Play in the World*. Whether they worked as actors, stage crew, or helped in other ways, students in the Drama Club gave much of their valuable time.

The Thespians, a small group of Drama Club members who had distinguished themselves by their work in the theatre, were an integral part of the fall production and of the club in general. Over half of these students acted in *The Worst High School Play in the World*. Those who did not, played important roles on the technical side of things. Thespian Cindy Smith commented that "the Thespians were the backbone of the Theatre Department. We kept things going."



DRAMA CLUB — Front row: Tony Icenhour, Lawrence White, Cindy Smith, Brian Widener and Lisa Tilley. Second row: Sherri Ferguson, Suzette Gray, April Maines,

Jackie Sturgill, Bobby Morrison, L.R. Pierce, Michelle Dishner and David Frackleton. Third row: Sharon Jackson, Sandra Henley, Jeff Hubbard, Katie Fleu, Angie Icen-

hour, Valerie Matthews, Mark West and Kamini Desai. Back row: Noel Dillow, Cindy Campbell, Erika Romanoff, Jennifer Romanoff, Jody Long and Lee Statzer.

DON'T HURT ME! David Frackleton and Cindy Campbell rehearse their duel in *The Worst High School Play in the World*. This duel preceded the big fight between Ivanha (Tony Icenhour) and King Viscera (Rob Branson).

CAREFUL — Robin Herron works on a poster for V-T Week. The French club won first place for decorating their hall.



WHAT IS THIS? Tracy Mathes and Tricia McClure attempt to redesign a Spanish craft called "God's Eyes." These were started last year and finished this year by the Spanish students.



FRENCH CLUB — Front row: Secretary Angela Courtney, Vice-President Tammy Bowers, President Melissa Brooks and Treasurer Cindy Campbell. Second row: Christi Jones, Michelle Humbert, Becky Barker, Susan Willis, Jill Crutchfield, Kelli Walker,

Pam Weaver, Stefanie Leonard, Amy Rainero and Mona Sledge. Third row: Robin Herron, Rebecca Moore, Michelle Bussey, Albert Moore, Amy Cheng, Kellie Burchette, Melissa Hutton, Cindy Whaley and Lisa Chiang. Fourth row: Tim Faulkner, Michelle

Hayter, April Spangler, Tracy Stevens, Tammy Richards, Charlie Dye, Carl Hayter, Eric Quillen and Mrs. Eileen Garner. Back row: Lori Taylor, Jill Honaker, Beth Lohman, Mike Sexton, Joey Dutton, Chris Kinhead and Gary Mason.

Combined sessions, foreign language conferences

Participation in cultural events linked the French and Spanish clubs. Both clubs entered students in skit and poetry contests at Language Day, a program held at East Tennessee State University on May 12.

The French Club participated in many projects throughout the year. The club decorated a hall for V-T Week and won the first place \$20 award. They also donated \$20 to the Santa Pal Fund and sold doughnuts in order to raise money for the students to go to ETSU Language Day. Dominique Briey, a French



pen-pal of Angela Courtney, visited Mrs. Eileen Garner's French classes in August. They discussed many of the differences between French and English cultures.

During the yearly Christmas party, in conjunction with the Spanish and Latin clubs, the French Club pre-

pared many foods from France. The dishes included "La Bouche de Noel" (a traditional Christmas cake), eclairs, and "choux a la creme" (creme puffs).

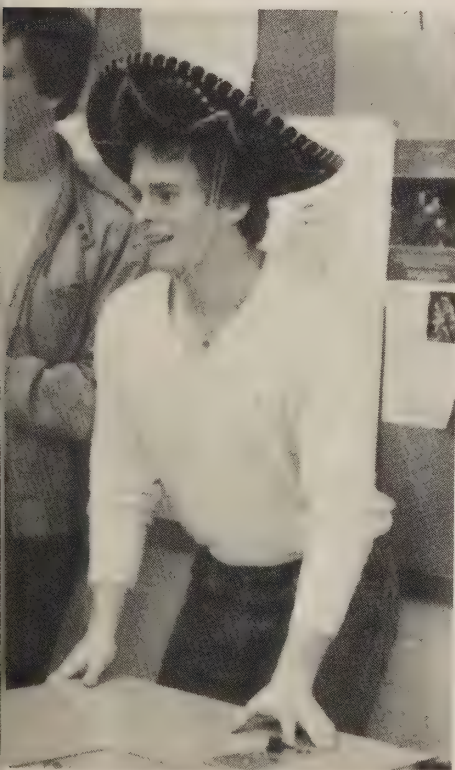
The Spanish Club also served refreshments representing the different countries at the Christmas party. Included in some of the fes-

tivities was the breaking of a pinata to represent Mexican customs.

Foreign exchange students from Venezuela who attended King College, visited Virginia High. The students spoke at a Foreign Language Club meeting sponsored by Mrs. Carolyn Williams.

The Spanish Club sold cookies to raise money for the club. With part of their money, they sponsored a Mexican girl through the Christian Children's Fund.

The French and Spanish clubs sponsored a tea in honor of National Foreign Language Week.



SPANISH CLUB — *Front row:* President Tonnie Moretz, Vice-President Sandra Henley, Secretary Sherri Ferguson, Treasurer Susan Dixon and Sponsor Mrs. Carolyn Williams. *Second row:* Sharon

Dixon, Chandra Ables, Natasha Deaton and Lisa McCroskey. *Back row:* James Horton, Cody Miller, Andrea Jennings, Scott Frazier, Don Sanderson and Kevin Christy (not pictured).

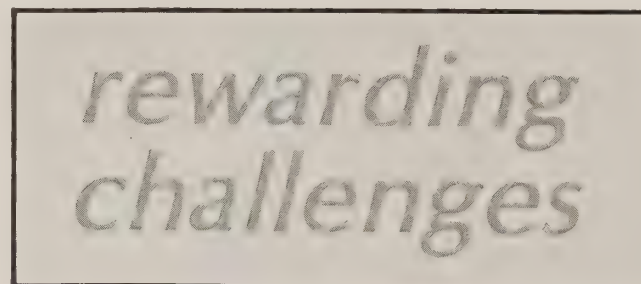
IS THIS RIGHT? Pat Widener and Chris Lane try on Spanish apparel. Mrs. Carolyn Williams had them do this as a class project.

From tours to conventions, clubs garner attention through

Projects proved to be rewarding challenges for the Latin and History Clubs. "We had to work hard, but we enjoyed it," said Amy Geiger, History Club president. These projects ranged from crowning of the basketball queen and king to serving the faculty special treats from the Faculty Christmas Cart.

The History Club sponsored the basketball queen and king contest and also the dance after the game. Principal Tim Outlaw crowned Tabetha Gerdes and Kevin Jesse as queen

BASKETBALL ROYALTY — Kelli Walker, Spencer Horton, Lynn Thomas, Eric Sikorski, Queen Tabetha Gerdes, King Kevin Jesse, Julie Jordan, Mike Mech, Lisa Crockett and Tyrone Mitchell.



and king during the John Battle-Virginia High basketball game. The student body selected the queen from homeroom nominations and the king from the members of the basketball squad. The club also won the mural contest sponsored by the cheerleaders during the V-T week.

Members of the History, Photography and Junior Civitan Clubs jointly toured the historic town of Greeneville, Tenn. and visited the home and burial site of An-

drew Johnson. They also toured the birthplace of Davy Crockett. "Although they were only gone for the day, all seemed to have had an enjoyable as well as educational time," said History Club Sponsor Lowell Sluss.

The club saw an increase in membership by 30 percent over the past year.

Sponsor Lowell Sluss commented that he "appreciated the time and effort of all the devoted members for a job well done."

The Latin Club spon-

sored the Faculty Christmas Cart which enabled the faculty to have a nice treat before tackling another hard day of work. The cart held an assortment of delicious cakes, cookies, danishes, drinks and a choice of school supplies.

The club won third place in the car parade during V-T week. They also decorated the main hall with murals during V-T week.

Some of the students entered the Latin Tournament held by the Classical Association of Virginia and also the competition at East Tennessee State University.

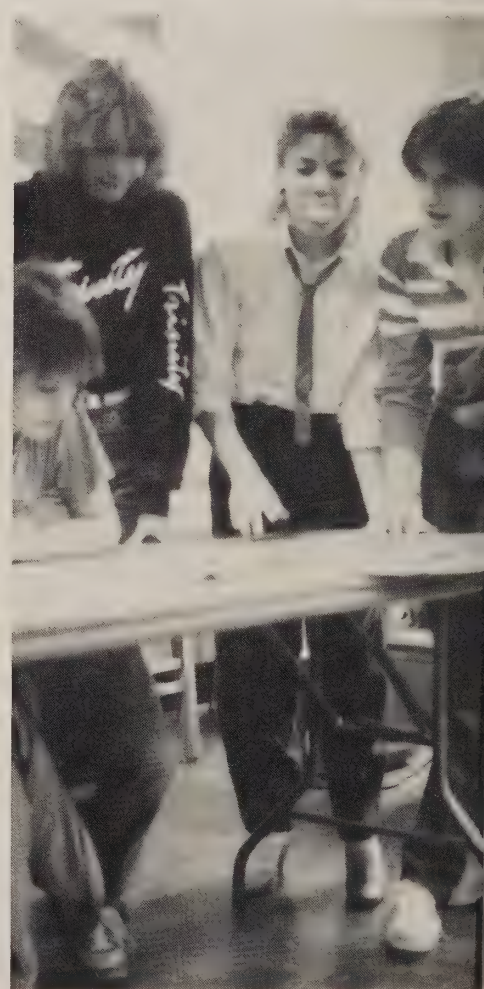
THAT'S STRANGE — Katie Fleu points to an unknown city on the map while Angie Spangler, Carolyn Waldo and Amy Geiger look on. The students not only studied maps but also took trips to historical places.



HISTORY CLUB — Front row: President Amy Geiger, Reporter Michelle Dishner, Treasurer Daina Odum and Vice-President Angie Price. Second row: Katie Fleu, Nancy Green, Lisa Tilley, Patty Collins, An-

gie Rash and Tina Carroll. Third row: Kris Widner, Lisa McCroskey, Kelly Foster, Richia Akers, Lisa Stout and Angie Eades. Fourth row: April Newton, Cindy Wright, Sandy Johnson, Lisa Sykes, Ginna

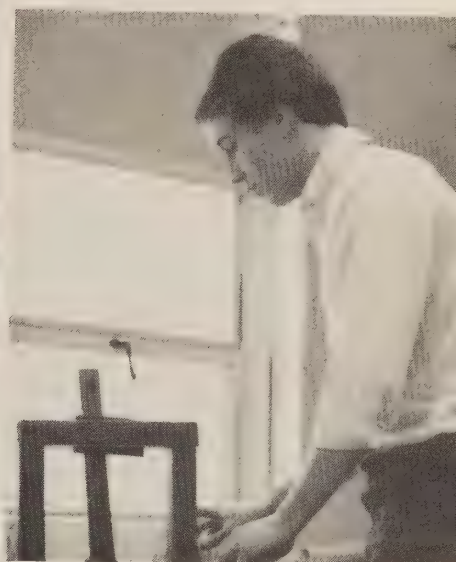
Slagle, Lori Bellamy and Carolyn Waldo. Back row: Jennifer Mech, Joan Chorosevic, Sherry Wright, Tabetha Gerdes, Tom Smith, Robbie Branson, Tracy Stevens, Keith Childress and David Faidley.





GO LATIN! Sherry Wright holds up a poster displaying her enthusiasm for Latin. Students displayed their enthusiasm for their club throughout the year.

STEADY NOW! Kevin Jessee tries to steady his catacomb before it falls. Students studied different cultures and ways of living during club time.



GOODIES ANYONE? Mrs. Brenda Abernathy tries to decide what she should take from the Faculty Christmas Cart sponsored by the Latin Club. If the teachers did not want delicious goodies they could pick from a selection of classroom supplies.



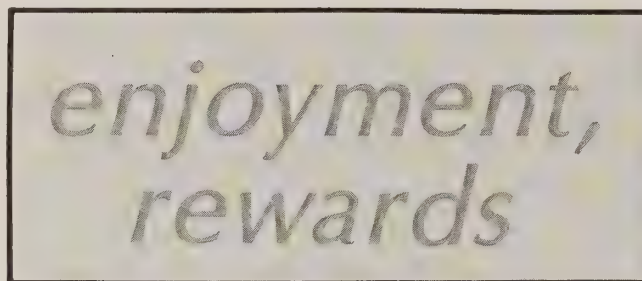
LATIN CLUB — *Front row:* Treasurer Kim Ramey, Vice President Robin Sprouse, Historian Julia Mullins, Secretary Candy Scraggs, President Kevin Jessee and Sponsor Robin Bowery. *Second row:* Noel Dillow, Sherry Wright, Lisa Crockett, Valerie Woods, Melissa Francis, Michelle Barron and Kathy Yon. *Third row:* Sharon Bevins, Kerby Fryk, Bobby Tipton, Kamini Desai, Mike Musick and Kelly Klepper. *Back row:* Cheryl Murphy, Lisa Tilley, Cindy Smith, Thorne Lovins, Becky Jackson and Beverly Huffman.

Combination of social activities, hard work leads to

Combining social activities with hard work equalled fun for both the Science and Photography Clubs. Both clubs, which participated in extracurricular activities, also took part in several student service projects.

The Photography Club, sponsored by Mr. Robert Taylor and Mrs. Edith Glover, in its first year, took part in several activities. The major project included entries in two photography contests, the Ricoh contest and a cultural art contest.

In the cultural art contest, Cindy Wright took first-



second-, third- and fourth-place ribbons in the senior division. In the freshmen division, Randy Mikeal was awarded first place, while Chris Stout and Jeff Surratt placed second and third, respectively. Chris Stout, Carolyn Waldo and Jeanie

Walden were recognized with an honorable mention for their work.

Also, the Photography Club took a trip to Greenville, Tenn. where they visited the homes of President Andrew Johnson and David Crockett. The club also

sponsored a trip to Jonesboro, Tenn. in order to take pictures.

The Science Club, like the Photography club, participated in several service projects for the school and the community. These events included a banquet at Greene's Seafood at the Trainstation Marketplace, as well as sponsoring Spring Festival and Homecoming Queen candidates. Also, the club donated \$25 to the Santa Pal Fund.

The club also sponsored guest speakers for the department with film and slide presentations.

ALL ABOARD — The Photography Club prepares to board the van to spend the day at Virginia Intermont College.

After arriving, the students toured the campus and picked up some helpful hints.

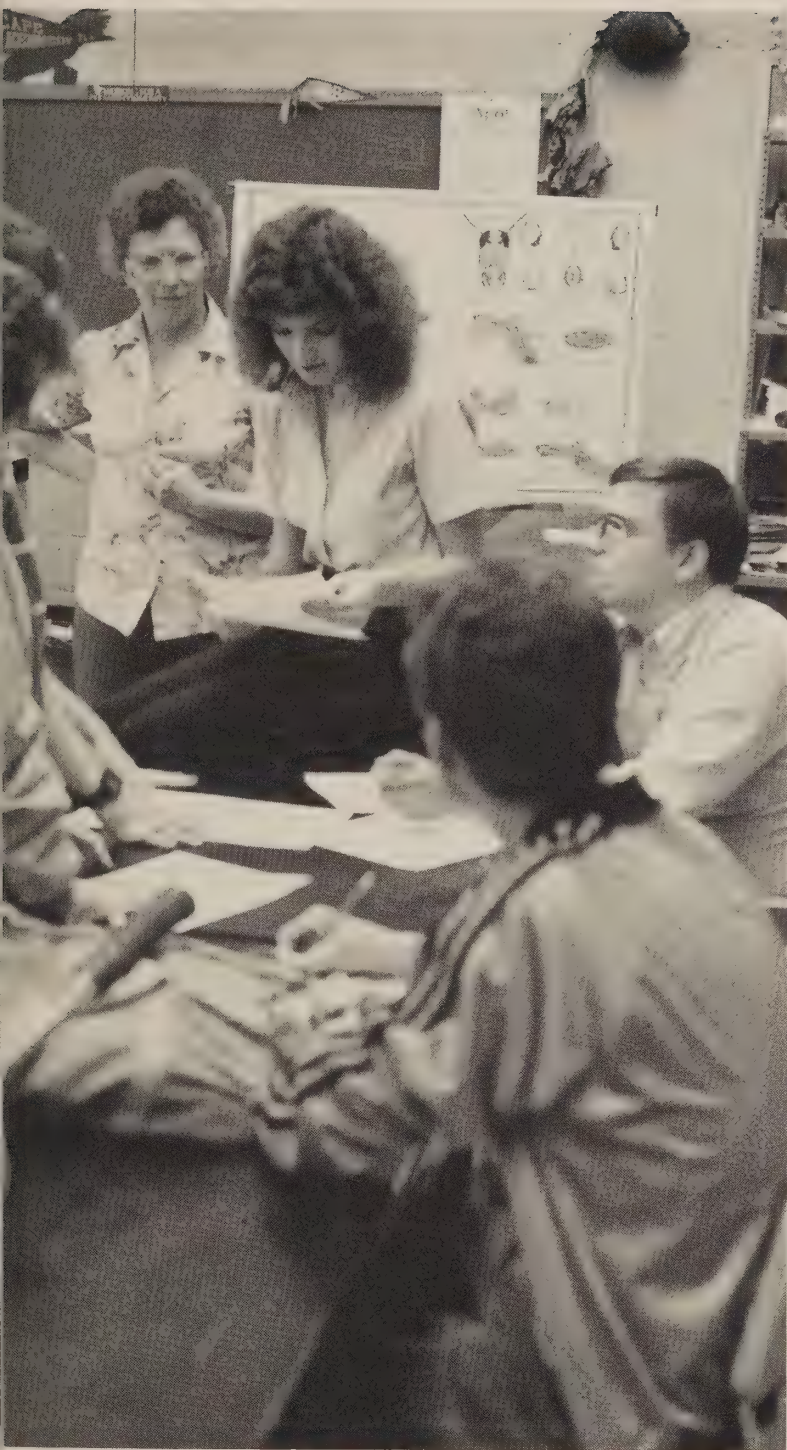
PICTURE PERFECT — Three easels stand lined up with photos that are entered in a photography contest. Sponsor Edith Glover, John Scarlotta,

a guest from Virginia Intermont College, and Cindy Wright view the photos on display.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB — Front row: Sponsor Mr. Bob Taylor, President Cindy Wright and Sponsor Mrs. Edith Glover. Second row: Amy Cheng, Jeanie Walden, Daina Odum, Carolyn Waldo and Parliamentarian Chris Stout. Back row: Todd Wright, Randy Mikeal, Curtis Freeman, Donna Miller and Mark West. Not pictured: Vice-President Marcus Fleenor, Treasurer Trevor Hamilton, Historian Robin O'Neil and Secretary April Newton.





PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION

— Science Club members listen to President Lisa Kiser and Sponsor Mrs. Edith Glover. Projects, contests and field trips were planned at the regular club meetings.

SCIENCE CLUB — First row: President Lisa Kiser, Vice-President Tim Faulkner, Secretary Michelle Hayter, Treasurer April Spangler and Sponsor Mrs. Edith Glover.

Second row: Jarvis Offield, Albert Moore, Carl Hayter and Rebecca Moore. Back row: Jody Carter, Jill Honaker and Robin Herron.



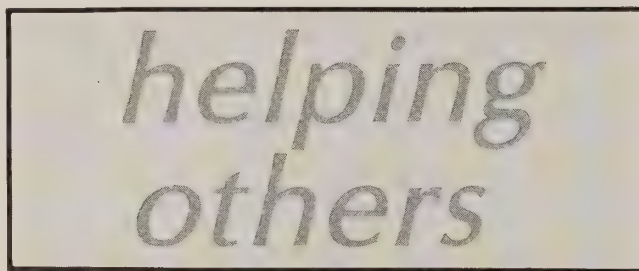
READING OVER — At the Science Club meeting, President Lisa Kiser and Mrs. Edith Glover go over plans. Discussing activities for the next meeting was necessary.

Sponsoring a blood drive and Santa Pals, students learn while

Two different clubs with two different interests but with one uniform purpose. This purpose was to help develop a sense of cooperative attitude, initiative, leadership, social skills and fellowship among the club members.

Continually giving their time, effort, and part of themselves were the members of Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) and the American Industrial Arts Student Association (AIASA).

The HOSA members sponsored a blood pressure screening event for students and faculty members



during their lunch time. Learning to take blood pressure was just one of many skills learned. Along with the screening, members were in charge of the annual blood drive which gave students the chance to contribute a part of themselves, and to help needy ones in a life-threatening sit-

uation. HOSA members handed out Halloween safety pamphlets to elementary school children.

Members of AIASA participated in a trip to the atomic energy museum located in Oak Ridge Tenn. and the Industrial Arts Fair in Roanoke, Va. In order to raise money for these trips,

the club sold Bearcat decals which could be silk-screened onto a t-shirt. Members of HOSA also were involved in fund raising activities which included selling academic school calendars. This brought nearly a \$1,000 profit.

This money was by no means stored away for safe keeping. HOSA sponsored two Santa Pals at Christmas and bought and delivered groceries for a week to a family of four at Thanksgiving.

The AIASA gave students a chance to seek for themselves their own potential by becoming involved.



HOLD IT STEADY — Freshman Mark West prepares to pour some glue onto the wood project held by Kevin Poore. Making wooden objects was just one of many trades learned in the club.



CONCENTRATION — Club member Mark West demonstrates the art of decorating glasses with Bearcat decals while Mitch Widener assists with a helping hand. These decals were sold to help fund club activities.



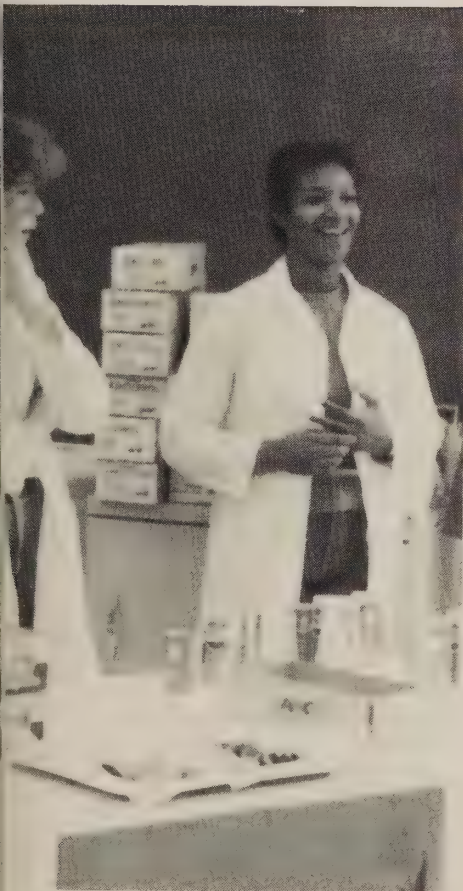
AIASA — Front row: Secretary Travis O'Dell, Vice-President Mitch Widener and Club Sponsor Marion Dugger. Back

row: Scotty Carrier, Greg Meade, President John Dixon and Brad Duckett.

TAKING A BREAK — Club members Tina Carroll and Renee Bunch rest in between serving refreshments to blood donors. Snacks and drinks were served to all who gave blood to help restore their energy.



"THIS ISN'T SO BAD" — Sophomore Michelle Dishner rests calmly while nurse Becky Campbell extracts blood from her arm and Keith Stanley waits his turn. The blood bank campaign was sponsored by HOSA in conjunction with Bristol Memorial Hospital.



HOSA — Front row: President Paula Holmes, Vice-President Sharon Goodson, Secretary Angel Collins, Reporter Sharon Jackson, Historian Lori Slagle, Chaplain Angie Carico and Sentinel Charlotte Sipes. Second row: Cathy Wingard, Leslie Fisher, Michelle Camp-

bell, Angie Statzer, Candy Pippin, Kay Campbell, Sherri Zaebs, Carol Shaffer and Kathy Mays. Third row: Kelly Cilley, Betty Tuggle, Rhonda Miller, Tracey Brown, Kim Quillen, Michelle Bobbitt, Tracey Lewis, Lori Bellamy, Tammy Mitchell, Rhonda

Gooden and Tina Carroll. Back row: Alvin Winters, Melisa Hilliard, Renee Bunch, Melanie McBroom, Pam Blewins, Jenny Ketron, Melissa Vaughn, Tina Turner and Melissa Thomas

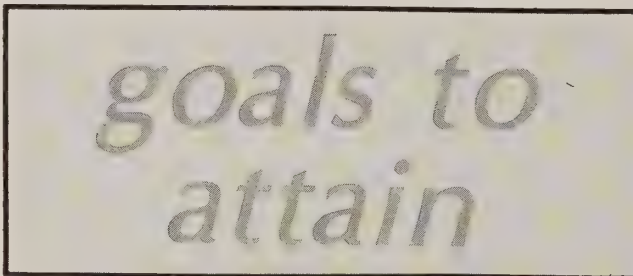
Distributive Education students garner awards by setting

Indulging in a night of fashion and entertainment, was what the Distributive Education Clubs of America did. They participated in an annual fashion show held at the Bristol Mall.

DECA members set many goals and many accomplished them.

Five DECA members qualified for state competition in Roanoke after competing in the District Leadership Conference held at Abingdon High School. On the supervisory level, Owen Morrison, took first place finishes in apparel and accessories math and marketing skills. Also, he placed third in business and personal skills. At the state level Morrison placed first in apparel and accessories math.

Robbie Clark finished first overall in general merchandise by placing first in



human relations and second in communications and in selling.

On the master employee level, Mark Daniels placed first overall in restaurant marketing by finishing first in merchandising and second in basic skills.

In fundamentals of marketing, Cathy Wingard placed first overall in selling. Michelle Bobbitt placed first in sales demonstration.

Other members that participated were, on the supervisory level and food

marketing, Tammy Ferguson and Tabetha Vaughn, respectively.

On the master employee level; food marketing, Don Grady and Jackie Hedrick.

On the supervisory level general merchandising was Angie Mullins.

On the master employee level, general merchandising were Daina Odum and Lisa Sykes.

In fundamentals of marketing Pam Blevins competed.

Their involvement in the community was a major ac-

tivity. They provided a family with food at Christmas and aided the Chamber of Commerce in the distribution of banners for the Southeastern Band Festival to area businesses.

The fall rally was held at Hungry Mother State Park in Marion. DECA chapters from the regions came together to form one large club.

DECA sold canisters to pay costs for competitions, fall rally and other disbursements.

Meetings were held at area restaurants to get the students away from the "school feeling". Guest speakers from area businesses gave insights on managing or owning a business. Richard Bellamy felt "holding a highly responsible job can be challenging and rewarding."



AGENDA — Secretary Barbara Blaylock and Reporter Gina Spence look over the agenda for one of the meetings. The agenda gave an outline of the meetings to keep things in order.



DECA — Front row: Sponsor Clemmor Ann Allen, 2nd. Vice President Daina Odum, 1st. Vice President Melissa Pickel, Secretary Barbara Blaylock, President Lisa Sykes, Alternate Vice President Chuck Crockett, Reporter Gina Spence and Sponsor Carol Colobro. Second row: John Campbell, Mike Bridgeman, Leslie Fisher, Keely Sta-

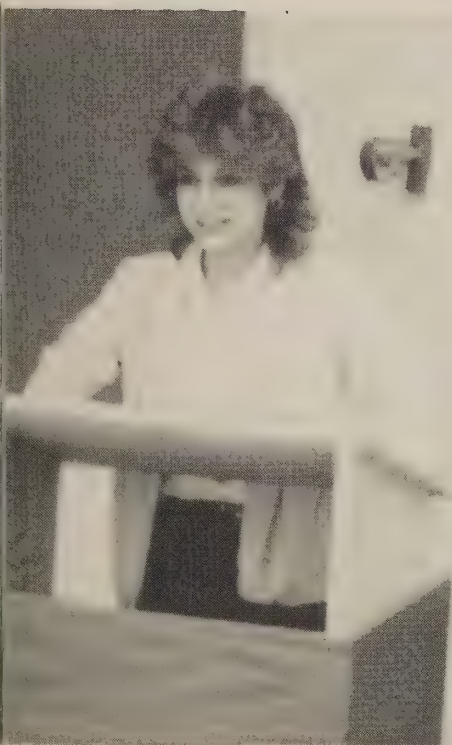
pleton, Norma Anderson, Lisa Bellamy, Sharon Lunsford, Jackie Hedrick and Jackie Sturgil. Third row: Owen Morrisson, Jon Corvin, Rob Clark, Chris Whaley, Lisa Stout, Erin O'Brien, Joyce Brown, Joyce Gobble and Judy Williams. Fourth row: Susan Dixon, Amy Mull, Connie Brown, Tracy Brown, Kim Quillen, Cathy Wingard, Kim Bowen,

Angie Mullins and Tammy Ferguson. Fifth row: Jeannie Perry, Michelle Bobbitt, Tina Carroll, Pam Weaver, Debbi Little, Stephanie Johnson, Cindy Hutchins, Kim Dakin and Tabetha Vaughn. Back row: Patty Collins, Christa Burton, Sammy Murray, Wayne Large, Randall Russell, Ricky Stevens, Mike Stout and John White



FLOWERS FOR YOU — Seniors Chuck Crockett and Tammy Ferguson distribute flowers as DECA participation in Teacher Appreciation week. All clubs contributed to the success of it.

FOOD! DECA sponsor Carol Colobro and member Randall Holt carry the food to the car, to prepare it for the "chosen family." Donations of food came from many area businesses.



ORDER — President Lisa Sykes practices calling a meeting to order. Sykes was a large influence on the success of the meetings with her leadership abilities.

HAPPINESS — Senior Randy Holt loads the tree ornaments while junior Jackie Sturgil assists. A committee was selected to take donations to a needy family.

HARD AT WORK — VICA officers Lynn Thomas and Tom Smith with FBLA members Norman Roberts, Paula Holmes and Lisa Sykes work together to prepare items to send to tornado victims in South Carolina. This was only one service project in which VICA became involved.

VICA STUDENTS — Electricity and ICT students under the sponsorship of Mr. Lynn Talyor and Mr. Joe Lilly. VICA students entered contests at district and state levels.



VICA STUDENTS — Drafting and welding students under the sponsorship of Mr. John Melvin and Mr. Ray Tillery.

VICA students participated in many social events, such as a swim party at the VHS pool.

THIS LOOKS OKAY — VICA reporter Karen Jessee takes one last look at the VICA club scrapbook before sending it to competition. The VICA scrapbook won first place at district competition on March 31.



Having both service, academic aspects, largest club has split

From repairing automobiles to styling hair, preparations for the future were being made by VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) students. Active VICA students participated in contests, social events, and actual job interviews.

personality

At the District VIII Competition, there were six third-place, five second-place, and six first-place award winners. The first-

place winners went on to compete in the VICA state competition held in Richmond May 4, 5 and 6.

Could VICA be called a

service club? Yes, according to their generous philanthropic efforts. They donated money to tornado victims, a local family whose house had burned, and \$250 to the Kurtis Millson fund.

VICA OFFICERS — Morning officers — Front row: Chaplain Annette Daughtery, Reporter Karen Jessee, Treasurer Larry Collins, President Tom Smith, Secretary Walter

Dannhardt, Vice President Brian Widener and Parliamentarian Jarvis Offield. **Afternoon officers — Back row:** Chaplain Valerie Crusenberry, Vice President Jennifer

Mink, President Lynn Thomas, Parliamentarian Bobby Price, and Treasurer Eddie Leonard. Not pictured are Reporter Toni Shockley and Secretary Regina Eller.

LET'S EAT — Bristol business people are guests for dinner at the vocational department's annual advisory meeting. They discussed such topics as how to set up a business, changes in industry and new equipment, as well as finding jobs for young people.



VICA STUDENTS — Printing and auto mechanic students under the sponsorship of Mr. Eugene Williams and Mr. James Jones. The VICA club had many guest speakers, who spoke on such subjects as drug abuse and highway safety.

VICA STUDENTS — Cosmetology and building trade students under the sponsorship of Mrs. Justine Eades and Mr. Tom Nelson. VICA donated money to many good causes, such as the Kurtis Millson fund.

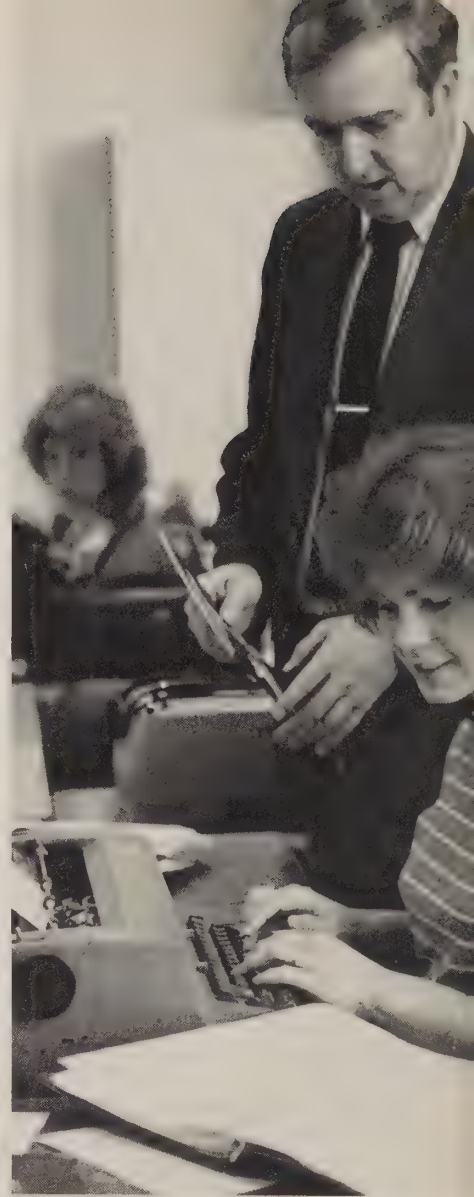
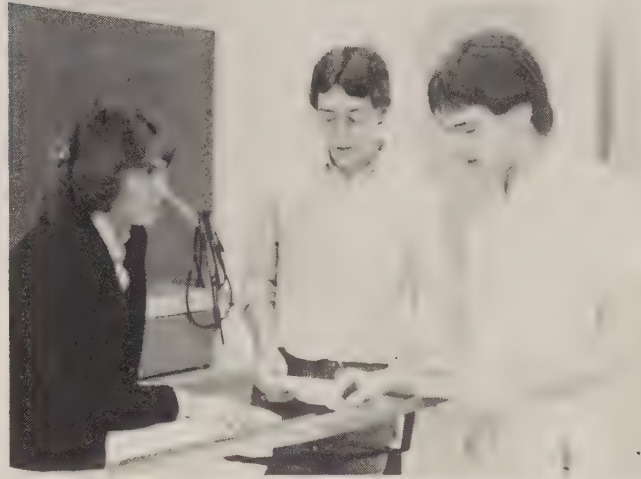


BUSY AT WORK — Instructor Ray Hooper helps Natalie Thomas check her entry for the description manual contest at the LA conference

meeting at Clinch Valley College. Thomas was an office training student who worked at Dominion Bank.

OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS — President Jim Pruner, Vice-President Norman Roberts and Treasurer Kathy Yon discuss plans for the next FBLA meeting. Service projects, contests and social events made up the agenda for club meetings.

WHO IS MINE FROM? Lisa Feathers asks Tammy Dutton who sent her a cupid cutie. Everyone was eager to find out who their secret admirer was.



FBLA — Front row: President Jim Pruner, Vice-President Norman Roberts, Secretary Julia Mullins, Treasurer Kathy Yon, Reporter Shellie Jobe, Historian Tammie Chapman and Parliamentarian Sherry Wright. Second row: Sponsors Ray Hooper and Brenda Abernathy, Sherry Elliott, Tracey Brown, Angie Price, Erin O'Brien, Tammy Dutton and Alesia Quillen.

Third row: Sponsor Jean Lewis, Judy Williams, Cindy Wright, Vickie Whitaker, Angie Scott, Karen Yon, Mitzi Perry and Patty Ball. Back row: Mike Mech, Becky Lee, Lorre Hawkins, Karen Yates, Andrea Jennings, Michelle Dishner, Lisa Sykes, Tabetha Gerdes, Chuck Mumpower, Chris Lane, John Campbell and Tyson Kress.

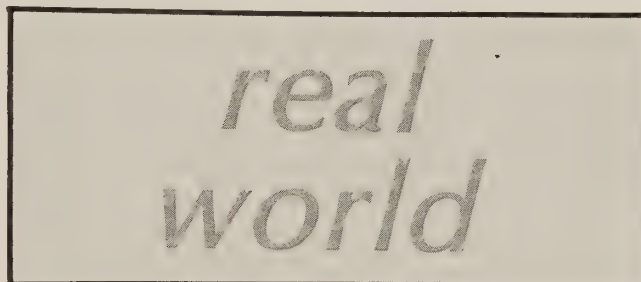
LOOKING IT OVER — During the March meeting of the FBLA, Sherry Wright (front), Karen Yon and Karen Yates look over the agenda before the meeting begins. Members of the club took part in various activities throughout the year, including donations of canned food for the tornado victims in North and South Carolina to sponsoring a child through the Santa Pal fund.



Competitions, social functions give students a taste for the

Being exposed to the real world of business and homemaking was the primary goal of the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and FHA (Future Homemakers of America). Both clubs made contributions to the school and the community as well as participated in social events and contests.

To entertain students as well as to raise money, the FBLA sold Monstergrams and Cupid Cuties on Halloween and Valentine's Day. These were sold to give to a favorite sweetheart or just to say a friendly hel-



lo. On "An Apple for the Teacher Day" during Vocational Education Week, FBLA gave apples to all teachers.

As members of the FBLA, students participated in social events and contests. Stephanie Brewer won first

place in the business law contest at Clinch Valley College in March. "Social functions were exciting events to look forward to," said President Jim Pruner. "We had a fall picnic at Waldo Miles, and the Valentine Tea was fun for after-

school snacks and to socialize with your friends."

In addition to learning how to cook and sew, Future Homemakers of America also got involved with helping people. FHA students participated in the Santa Pal Fund to help the needy at Christmas time by collecting monetary contributions. Also, the students made Easter baskets for the young children at the hospital to lift their spirits for the holidays. The FHA sponsored a Vocational Dance which was a highlight of football season.



FHA — Front row: President Kerri Bishop, Vice-President Tracy Lewis, Mandi Steele, Treasurer Yolanda Gilmer, Co-Activities Director Vonda Blevins, and Reporter Sara Bishop. **Back row:** Sponsor Mrs. Helen Coleman, Secretary Rhonda Strouth, and Co-Activities Director Lori Brown.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

— Tracy Lewis and Jenny Ketron are working on FHA projects. The appearance of their projects improved with each one.



APPRECIATED BREAK — Teachers enjoy a relaxing brunch during a tedious workday. The PTA was always available to make any event more special.

SERVE YOU MA'AM? Making sure everyone has enough, Mrs. Doris Harkrader refills the drinks at the teachers' brunch. The PTA sponsored this brunch on a workday.



Landscaping and anti-vandalism projects head plans for external

The aroma of hot dogs, the crisp November air and smiles on many faces were only a few of the sights and sounds of the annual V-T hot dog supper sponsored by the PTA. This V-T supper is a yearly project for the PTA. Among the annual projects of the PTA were the Athletic Banquet, a \$200 scholarship to a senior boy and girl and the presentation of life memberships.

An anti-vandalism fund of \$300 was set up at the beginning of the year. If this

money was not used throughout the year, the money would be used for a dance at the end of the year. Two floor fans were bought for the kitchen to give the cooks comfort in the warmer weather. These were new projects for the PTA. Plans to landscape the entire school campus were brought to fulfillment during spring. President Jim

Geiger said, "the PTA works to serve all segments of the school. These projects were to aid the school workers and to reward the students for their good citizenship."

Among social functions held by the PTA was Freshman Orientation with refreshments provided by members. A teachers' brunch during teacher

workdays gave a break to the monotony to their work. A reception for PTA Open House in September and Awards Night in May were also given. The social functions also included the Anti-Vandalism Dance in the spring, since the funds were still available.

PTA OFFICERS — Principal Mr. Tim Outlaw, Secretary Mrs. Ann Steele, Parliamentarian Mr. Larry Thomas, President Mr. Jim Geiger, Treasurer Mr. Charles Locke Jr., Historian Mrs. Janet Farmer and Second Vice-President Mrs. Doris Harkrader. Not pictured: First Vice-President Mrs. Linda Pruner, Third Vice-President Mrs. Carolyn Williams and Newsletter Chairpeople Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill.



NEXT QUESTION PLEASE — Getting ready to answer a question, President Jim Geiger prepares to reply to the question posed by a PTA member. Geiger was elected to serve another term as President for 1984-85.

CHOW DOWN! The entire community — students, parents and teachers all enjoy the V-T hot dog supper. After a tour of the decorated halls, the evening concluded with the bonfire.



Chalk one
up for
our side



DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP — Tonnie Tabor works with the computer in order to increase her French vocabulary. These disks, which combined games with learning, were used by nearly all departments as a modern teaching method.

Over conflicts

Students snare honors despite controversy

Education provided the basis for continued conflict on the national, state and local levels. On the national level, individuals pointed to declining SAT scores in America's high schools as a means of illustrating the decline of educational standards.

Virginia Governor Charles Robb proposed a merit pay system to increase state teacher's salaries — a proposal that split the educational community over the possibility of effectively categorizing teachers. The local level provided further confusion as a conflict between the School Board and Superintendent Royce Quarles led eventually to Quarles' firing and to the appointing of Mr. Jack French as superintendent of the city schools pending a court decision.

Fortunately, these conflicts did not serve as obstacles to the students or faculty in the sphere of academics. New requirements for graduation, consisting of 20 credits and an increased curriculum in math and science, were instituted along with a new advanced English program,

the Gifted/Talented program, for freshmen and sophomores, under the instruction of Miss Carol Propst and Mr. Randy White, respectively.

Individual honors comprised a long list in vocational, musical, artistic and academic fields. Andy Dannhardt and Bill Lester participated in the VICA skill olympics. Four choral students, Dawn Williams, Tony Icenhour, Brad Shutes and Robb Smith, garnered All-State honors, while Smith also had a musical composition performed by the Virginia Tech ensemble.

Senior advanced art student Marmi Jordan had her drawing "Iris Study" selected to appear in the South Atlantic High School Art Exhibit. Juniors Cindy and Tammy Bowers became the first twins to attend the Governor's School for the Gifted.

In spite of conflicts at the national, state and local levels, students excelled in the field of academics and did "chalk one up for our side."

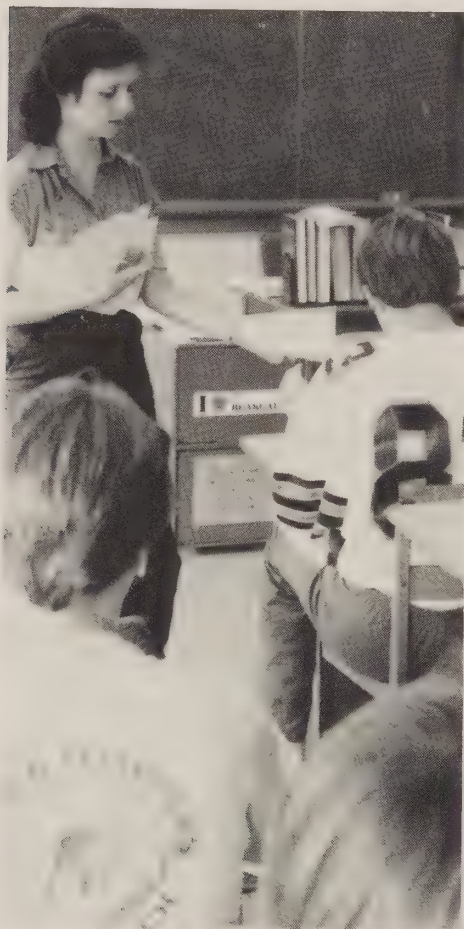


WHICH SHALL I TAKE? Mrs. Mildred Copenhaver faces a tough decision as Cody Miller waits to serve her. The foreign language classes sponsored this tea in recognition of foreign language month.

PAPERBACK

Read it and write

TEST TIME — Miss Carol Propst hands out tests to her students in freshman English. Few students appreciated taking tests, which were used to judge their knowledge on the various topics covered in English.



TIME FOR A LECTURE — Mrs. Doris Booth addresses her senior CP English class about early forms of English Literature. Her classes experienced in-depth discussions on such topics as *Beowulf*, Elizabethan poetry and Shakespearean drama.

NOT YOUR EVERYDAY DISCUSSION — Juniors Jarvis Offield, Bobby Morrison, Julia Mullins and Kerby Fry find that English can be interesting and fun. Teachers used various methods of instruction to cover all facets of English.

Students sat in painful silence while reading a tattered yellowed paperback novel. Elsewhere, others scurried about the library searching for long-lost reference books with their MLA handbook clutched tightly in hand. Some brave students wore ancient Roman and Greek costumes. No one avoided the inevitable years of English, filled with writer's cramp, forgotten vocabulary and essays written at 2 a.m.

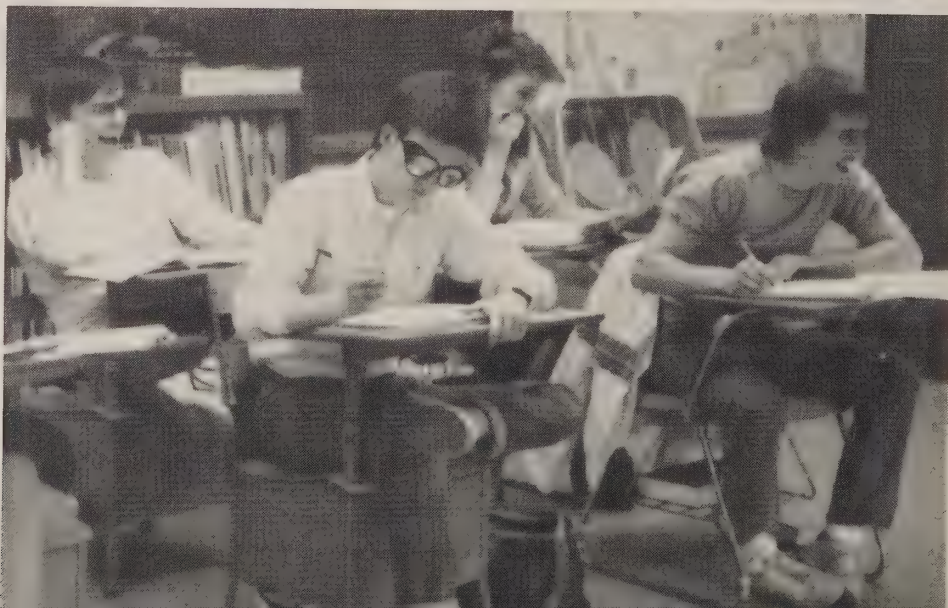
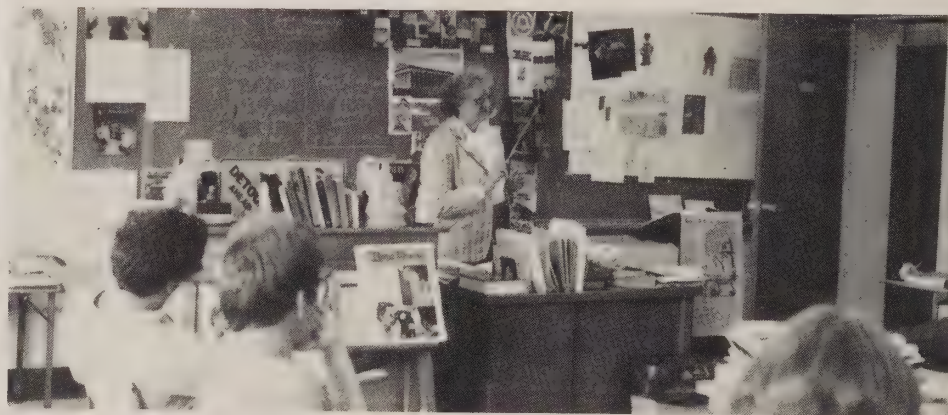
There was an additional level of English instruction added to the basic, general, college bound and Advanced Placement levels of study. The G/T or Gifted/Talented English offered a more challenging class for freshmen and sophomores. The work involved resembled the junior and senior AP classes in that it was designed for those who excelled in regular English.

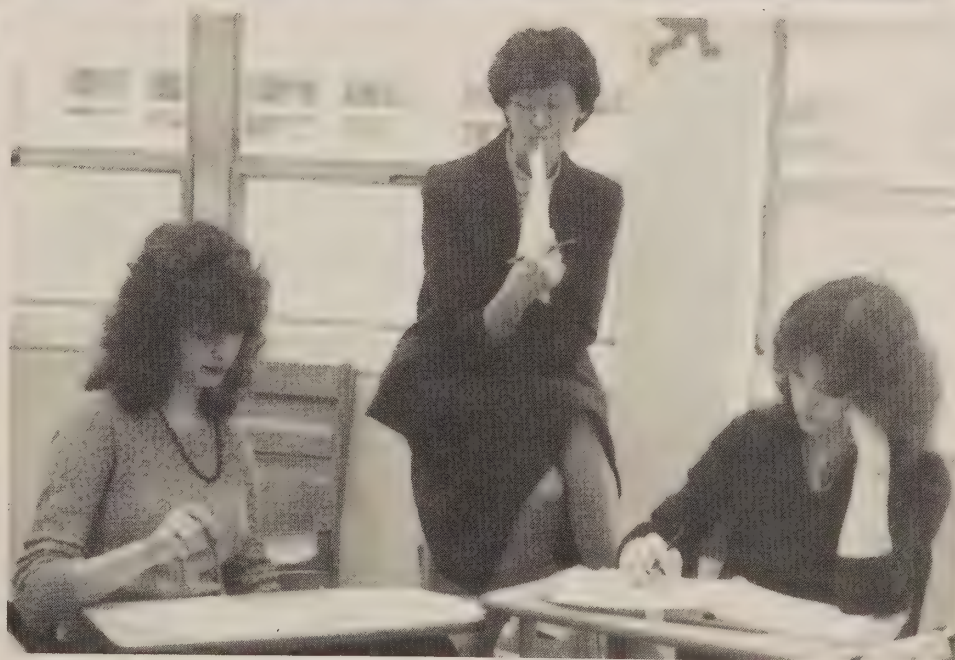
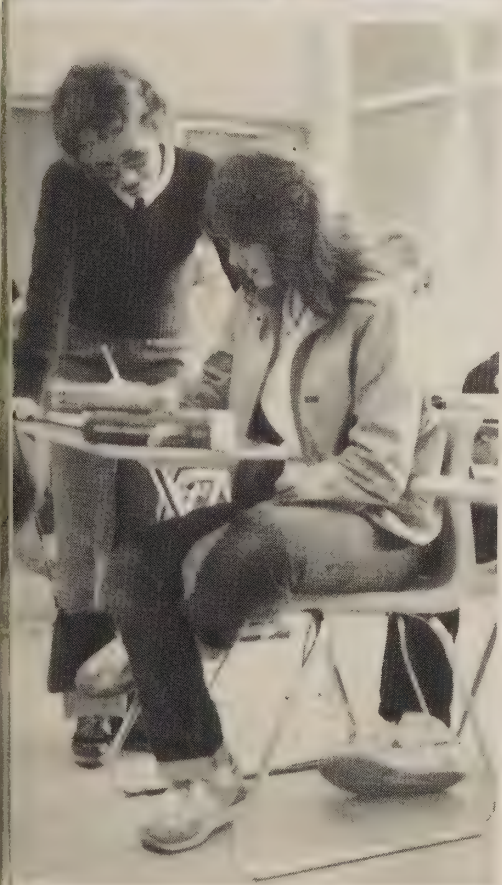
English classes were not limited to reading literature or writing various types of papers. William Lore visited Mrs. Marianne Post's junior English class to play his guitar, sing several original songs and lecture on the importance of knowledge.

Miss Carol Propst's freshman G/T class dressed as mythological characters and sampled food from Greek and Roman cultures. Television programs, filmstrips and contemporary novels were also used as stimulating teaching methods.

However, the more traditional teaching methods used were not so appealing to the students. Angie Rutledge, freshman, remarked, "This is the only high school where freshmen have to do a research paper," and added that English was both easy and hard at times. All the hard work done by the teachers and students was not in vain. Senior Todd Shy commented that "English has been a source of inspiration for me, and the teachers — especially from Advanced Placement — will have a lasting impression on me."

ANCIENT ROMANS? The freshmen G/T English class enjoys a feast while dressed as mythological characters. The class celebrated the conclusion of their study of classical mythology with a party and dress-up day.





WHATS THIS? Bobbie Rosenbalm seeks the help of Mrs. Sonja Holcomb while working on a grammar lesson. Grammar study composed an essential part of the English curriculum for all students.

LEND AN EAR — Miss Nancy Whitley listens to a remark by Marmi Jordan as Lisa Kiser waits for advice. Senior AP English consisted mostly of reading literature by British authors and pressure writings about their works.

Moving up

Work pays off

Anybody who thought being on the yearbook staff was going to be easy, had quite a surprise in store. Copy had to be written, typed, proofed and often rewritten, retyped and reproofed. Pictures had to be taken, developed, cropped and sized for the layout. As the deadline drew nearer, nerves got tighter and time was of the essence as students tried to achieve these tasks.

"Hello, my name is Kim Dakin. I'm on the yearbook staff at Virginia High School and I was just wondering if you'd like to buy an ad."

This is how the ball started rolling on the '84 *Virginian*. Staff members had to sell ads in order to produce the publication.

In early November, four yearbook students and the newspaper editor travelled with Mrs. Betty Morton, journalism teacher, to Charlottesville for the VHSL (Virginia High School League) Publications Workshop. Students attended classes and took notes that they felt would benefit their publication. Tim Faulkner, editor, commented "The atmosphere of the entire conference provided inspiration for all of us. The foremost instructors in the nation, including Colonel Charles Savedge, gave us many new ideas for our next yearbook."

At the conclusion of the workshop, the VHSL Awards Ceremony was held. The *Virginian* received the Trophy Award, the highest award given. Out of a possible 1000 points the yearbook received 925.

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA — Advanced staff members in sixth period look at exchange yearbooks for ideas. By looking at other yearbooks, students were able to catch up on the latest trends in design, layout and photography.

VIRGINIAN STAFF — Front row: Editor Tim Faulkner, Associate Editor Melissa Brooks, Headline Editor Tammy Bowers, Business Manager Donna Stroup, Advertising Managers Joan Chorosevic and Lorre Hawkins, and Index Editors Donna Poston and Sue Blevins. Second row: Lisa Fraley, Kim Dakin, Emma Williams, Erin O'Brien, Mike Sexton, Daina Odum, Tonnie Moretz, Roger Counts, Jon Corvin and adviser Mrs. Betty Morton. Third row: Kamini Desai, Lisa Tilley, Michelle Dishner, Donna Wreen, Emmett Bane, Chris Icenhour, Marcus Fleenor and Tammy Richards. Back row: Jennifer Siegfried, Jennifer Mech, April Newton, Dené McCormick, Becky L. Barker, Kim Pierce, Amy Geiger, Sandy Harding and Toni Shockley.

The evaluator commented, "The book is a nice one. Excellent color! Credit is due for work well done."

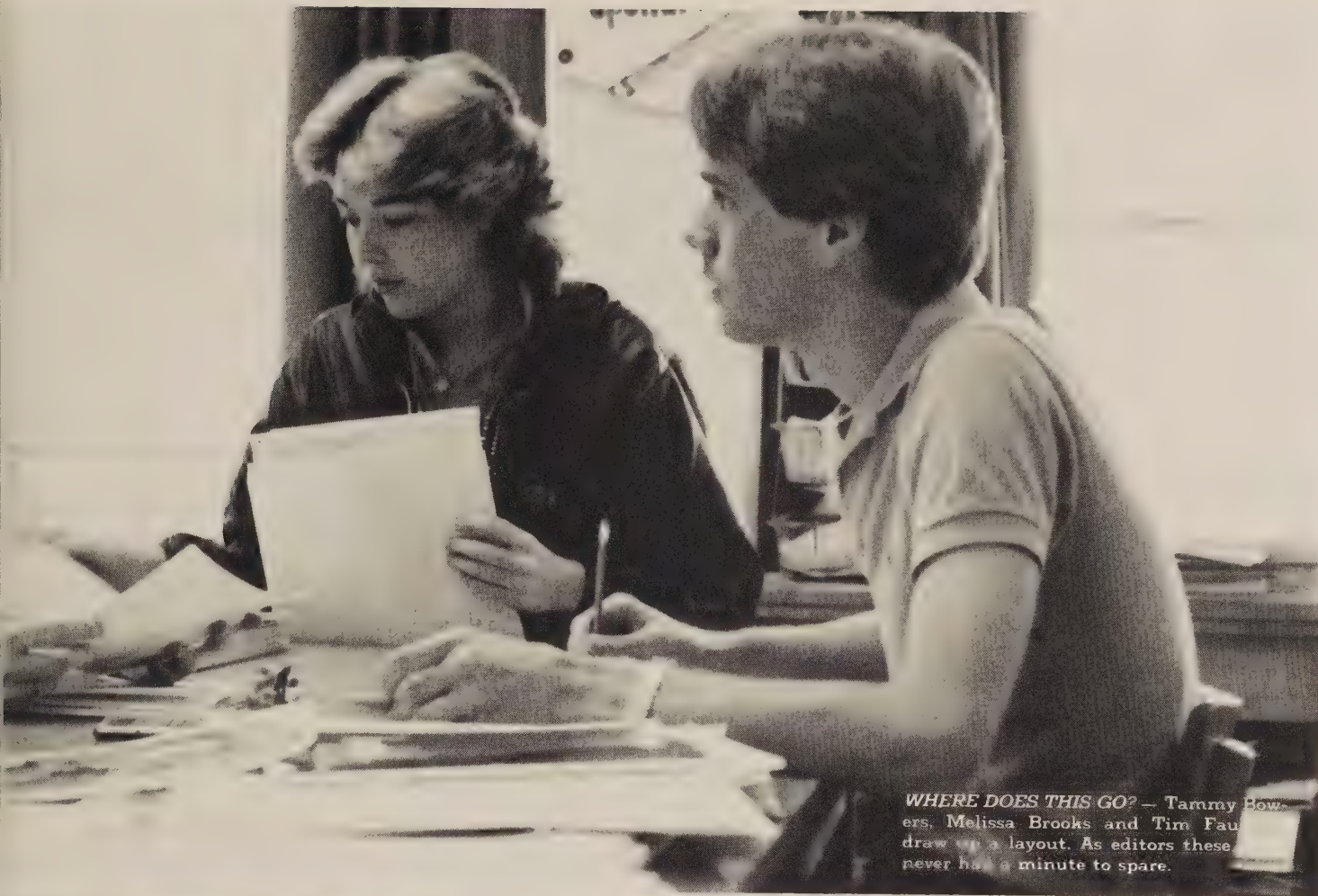
Other awards received included the SIPA (Southern Interscholastic Press Association) All Southern Award, the CSPA (Columbia Scholastic Press Association) first class with an All-Columbia Award for coverage and the NSPA (National Scholastic Press Association) first class with a Mark of Distinction in coverage and concept.

In March, five students loaded up for Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and the SIPA Convention. Amy Geiger said of the trip, "The convention was a very good experience. I learned a great deal. The best class I went to, with Mrs. Nancy Patterson, was the copy workshop. I learned quite a bit and met many new and interesting people."

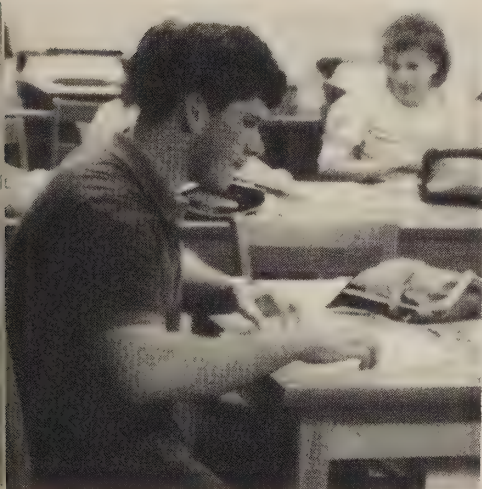
As the year went on, staff members strived to make the '84 *Virginian* better than any of its predecessors.

A sigh of relief was heard when the final deadline was sent in. Now all that was left was distribution.





WHERE DOES THIS GO? — Tammy Bowers, Melissa Brooks and Tim Fau draw up a layout. As editors these never have a minute to spare.



WHICH ONE SHOULD I USE? — Journalism I student Chris Icenhour selects pictures for his spread. It was important to choose quality pictures.

WHAT DID THEY SAY? — Donna Stroup and Todd Shy look at the classes available at the VHSL Workshop in Charlottesville. Attending convention classes encouraged staff members not to repeat mistakes made in the past and taught them the latest trends.

INDEX EDITORS — Donna Poston and Sue Blevins record the names that appear on pages of the yearbook. They were responsible for the index, listing each name and picture used in the book.



"EDITOR'S NOTE" — Chip Harkrader, a member of the sports staff, receives guidance from Editor Todd Shy. The editor had many

tasks to perform for other staff members, as well as his own.



WORK TO EDUCATE

Dedication, innovations lead to top honors

Tiny pieces of cut-out paper were sprawled out all over the area. Glueballs were bouncing on every table. The continuous noise of typewriters was heard everyday. Busy chitter-chatters of voices discussing current events were not an unusual sound.

What could this room possibly hold within its four walls? The answer was an obvious one. This was apparently the sight of endeavoring journalists hard-at-work on the student newspaper. The staff, just like professionals, often had to rewrite a story more than just a few times in order to perfect the finished product.

Each student was assigned a certain story or layout, and given a specific amount of time in which to finish it. Those "far

away" deadlines often sneaked up quickly and work was done twice as hard. The newspaper staff became very accustomed to forgetting their nighttime television programs, and joined one another for extra hours of writing, pasting up and revising. Working as a team pulled the articles together for a much more professional paper. After a story was completed, each person took time out from his own work to read and criticize in any way.

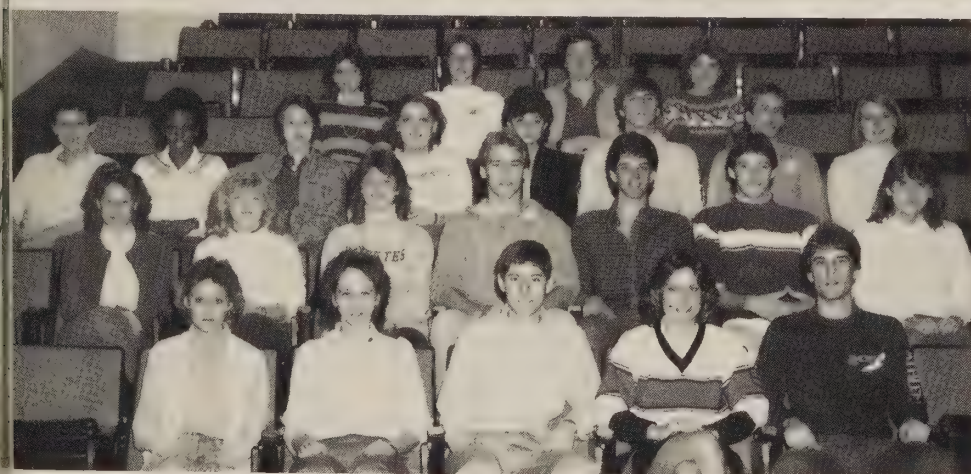
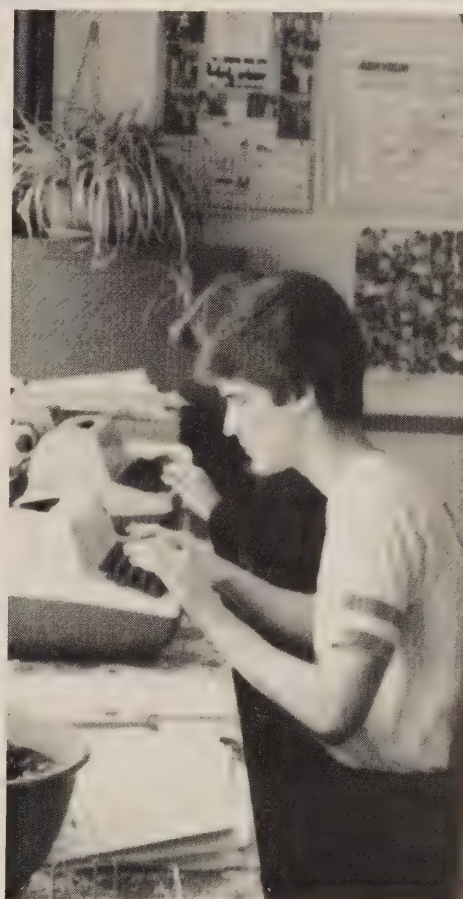
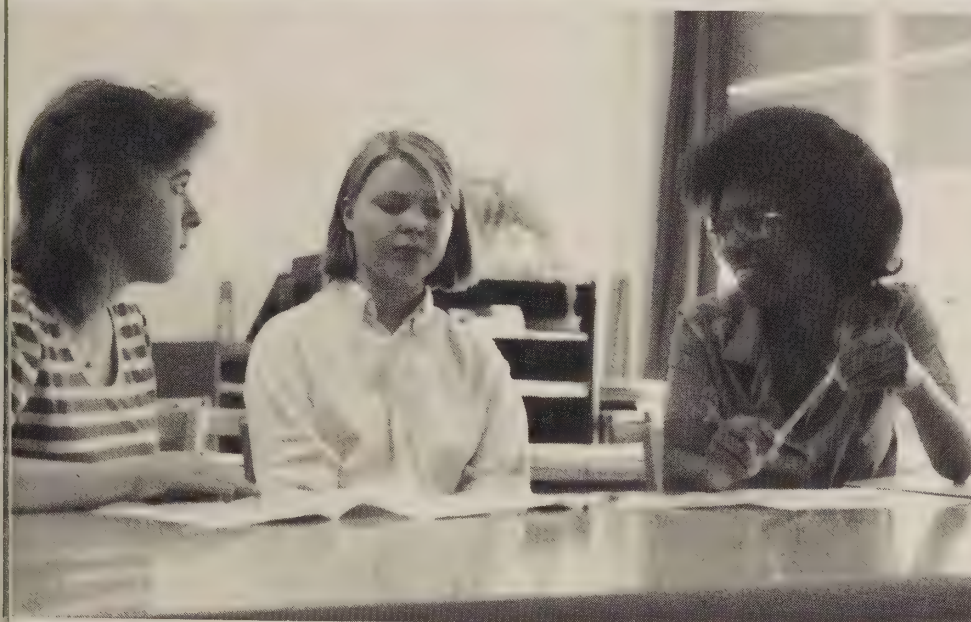
After all the work was done, and the thinking-caps were put away to rest, it all appeared to be worth it. Numerous trophies, medals and marks of distinctions accumulated in the areas of coverage, content and photography. In recommending the paper for the Gallup award, the

judge commented, "The **Virginian Times** serves the readership consistently well. You excel in timeliness, strong variety, conciseness and attractive layouts. There's plenty of individual talent as well as team effort."

Editor Todd Shy proudly concluded, "It has definitely been a tough job. After we reached the half-way point, I felt as if we were doing the same thing over and over. We tried to combat this feeling with innovations and different approaches. I think we were successful and by the end of the year, I realized how much I would miss the paper. We have worked hard, but hard work is rewarding — quality newspapers were our reward."

BECOMING INFORMED — Nancy Green, Bart Hill, Sharon Smith, Kim Bowen and Michelle Wampler catch up on the monthly

news of area schools by reading their newspapers. This was a way to discover different designs and ideas that could be used.

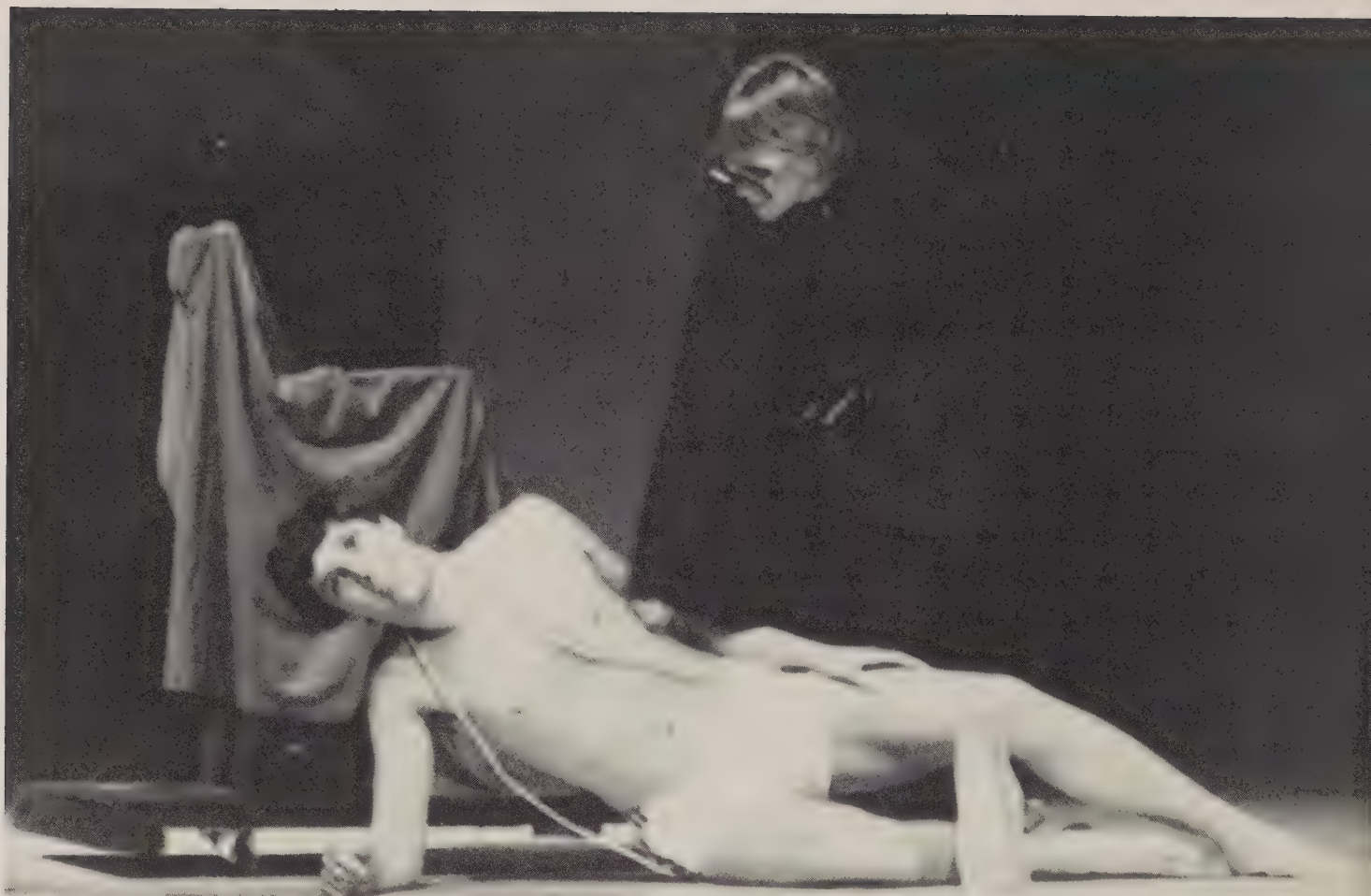


CURRENT EVENTS — Connie Murray, Helena Holmqvist and Sharon Smith discuss which current events to incorporate into their layouts. Students criticized each other's stories in any way to make a better product.

HARD AT WORK — News Editor Bobby Blevins types his articles for the next issue. Typing was usually the last-minute job done before deadlines were met.

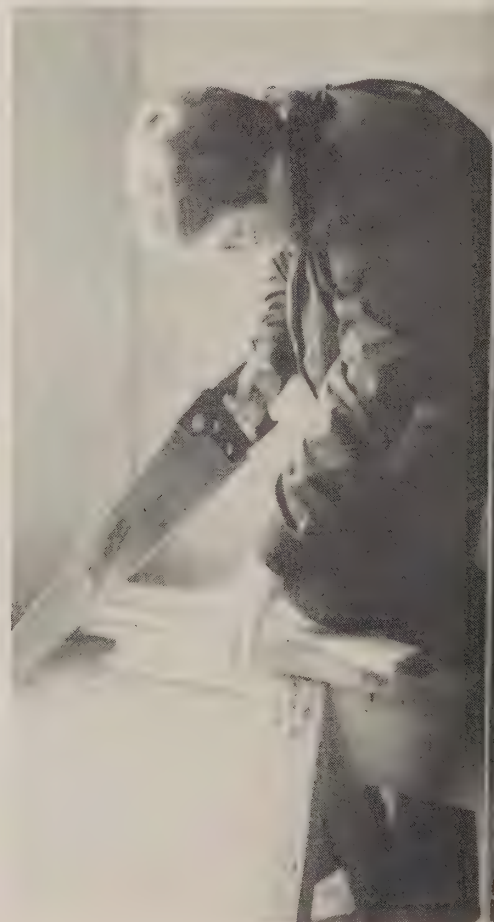
VIRGINIAN TIMES STAFF — Front row: Business Manager Jennifer Kinhead, Advertising Manager Resa Blackburn, Editor-in-Chief Todd Shy, Associate Editor Keelie Oar and News Editor Bobby Blevins. Second row: Circulation Manager Shellie Jobe, Feature Editor Amy Hill, Circulation Manager Tracie Hennes, Chip Harkrader, Ricky Fisher,

Sports Editor Danny Chambers and Feature Editor Angie Eades. Third row: Chip Thompson, Sharon Smith, Mary Kay Settle, Lisa Bellamy, Michelle Wampler, Eric Sikorski, Kerby Fry and Helena Holmqvist. Back row: Nancy Green, Lile Riviello, Patrick Widener and Cindy Campbell.



NO, THIS WAY! Mrs. Gail Kitchens, Jody Long and Lee Statzer block a play. Theatre Arts and Drama students both performed in plays as well as acting as stage crew.

HOLD IT STEADY! Lee Statzer works on the set of *Worst Play*. As a Theatre Arts student, Statzer had a chance to put his practical skills to use in this play.



PERFORM

From script to stage

Rhearsals, performances, lights, sets and lines to learn were part of the daily schedule of some students. These students were involved in Speech, Drama or Theatre Arts classes.

Students interested in technical theatre took Theatre Arts, taught by Mrs. Gail Kitchens. They learned how to build and take down a set, and how to work with lighting and sound systems. They received practical experience by working on the Theatre Department's fall production, *The Worst High School Play in the*

MORE, MORE! Tony Icenhour and Donna Stroup portray a prince and a monk in *The Worst High School Play in the World*. Drama and Theatre Arts students were required to participate in this play.

World. Theatre Arts students were also required to work on the set for the Spring Festival.

Those students who preferred performing took Mrs. Kitchens' Speech class or Mr. Gerald Teaster's Drama class. In the Speech class, Mrs. Kitchens taught students the basic skills of public speaking. Her students attended two Forensic competitions. In the second of these, awards were won by Erika Romanoff and Cindy Campbell for Duet Acting, by Lawrence White for Solo Acting and by Erika Romanoff for Prose Reading. Students taking Mr. Teaster's Drama class learned a general history of the theatre and basic acting techniques. They participated in *The Worst High School Play in the World* as both actors and technical aides.

CAREFUL — Jackie Sturgill builds a part of the set for *Worst Play*. This was required in his Theatre Arts class.



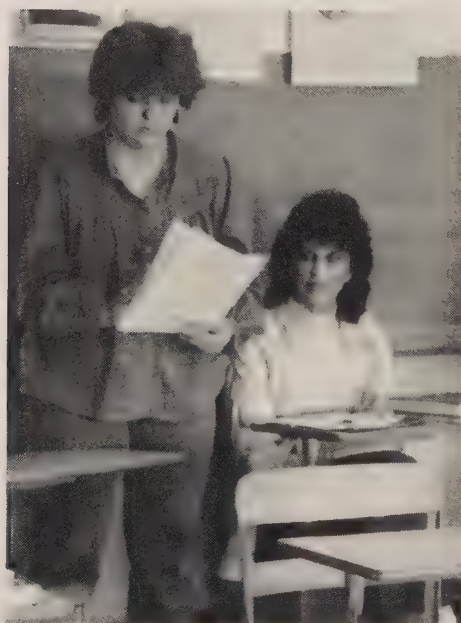
IS IT STRAIGHT? Katie Flue and Jody Long work on a set. Theatre Arts students had opportunities to apply the practical skills learned in class.

SURE BOSS — Sherry Ferguson and L.R. Pierce act in *The Worst Play*, portraying a magician and his secretary. Drama students worked hard to make this play a success.



WHAT DO WE DO NOW? The "guys" from the debate team take time out before going to Gatlinburg to catch up on some laughs. They returned in good spirits, even though no one had made the semifinals.

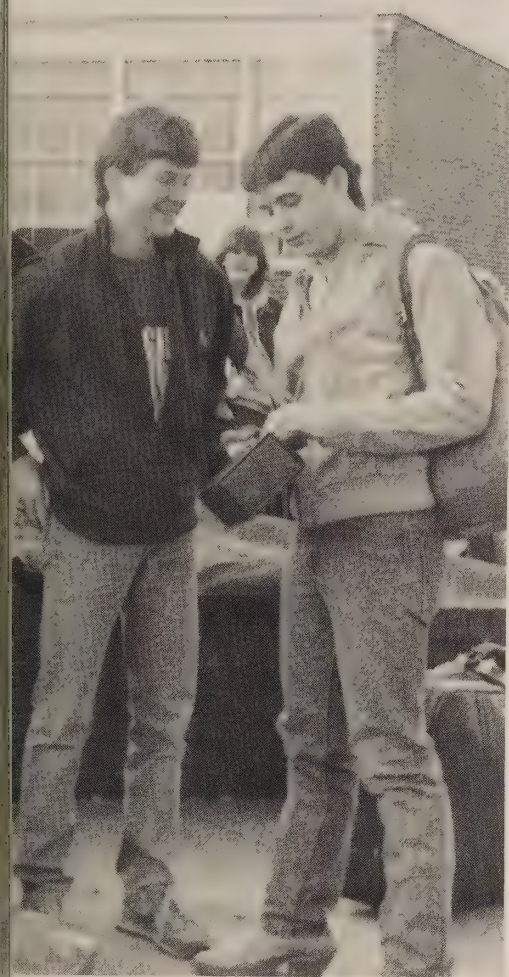
LET'S TALK FACTS — Debbie Little listens to Krista Burton as she gives a report in Sociology on the history of VHS. This helped them to better understand the school and its background.



WHAT'S NEXT? Phil Chorosevic, Fred Shazor, Robert Wheeley and Joe Byerly all take time to question each other during debate. Class time was used to help get any additional information needed for a tournament.

DEBATE TEAM — Front row: Richia Akers, Becky Harkins, Melissa Hutton and Amy Hill. Second row: Tracie Hennes, Angela Eades, Lori Taylor and Lisa Chiang. Back row: Joe Byerly, Robert Wheeley, Keith Childress, Jenny Hartsock, Krissy Johnson, Fred Shazor and Phil Chorosevic.





PROBLEMS?

Discussions to research

Everyone has problems. They may be emotional, physical, or social, but they are problems. Sociology was devised to help work them out. Students discussed personal problems and problems of the world.

Projects in Mrs. Doris Booth's sociology class included group work on the history of the school and a project called "So You Want To Get Married". This topic was assigned to many groups and they explored the experience from dating through the first year of marriage.

The class studied behavioral patterns that emerge as people interacted in a certain social situation. Most of the topics were based on race, ethnicity, poverty and careers.

Junior Keith Childress summed up the class by saying "Sociology helps you face

problems that you may encounter in the future and find a sensible solution."

Debate, on the other hand, still dealt with problems, but they were handled in a very different manner. In Mrs. Marianne Post's debate class they had more in-depth situations. The students found and used magazine articles, newspaper clippings and other factors to support the subject they discussed.

Lori Taylor, a second year debate student, said "I like taking trips, Gatlinburg is always fun. The competition is usually very good and it's a challenge to see what you can do."

At the District Debate Tournament, Phil Chorosevic and Lisa Chiang won the negative side. The winners on the affirmative side were Tracie Hennes and Amy Hill.



THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED — Mrs. Doris Booth discusses newspaper clippings on the history of VHS with her class. They later included a project called "So You Want To Get Married."



I DON'T UNDERSTAND — Amy Geiger and Eddie Walton pay close attention to what Mrs. Doris Booth has to say. The class paid special attention to the lecture concerning the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

NOVELTIES

Cooking to computers

MOUTHFUL! Jeff Moyers tries the results of his French cooking to see if he has mastered the skill. French II classes made French foods during one unit of their studies.



Parlez-vous francais?" "Buenos dias," and "Et tu Brute?" These expressions echoed through the foreign language wing as students became acquainted with the ways of the Europeans.

Computers? In Spanish class? Yes, advanced Spanish students used the computer during a unit on "Spanish for the Traveler," which gave them the opportunity to communicate in the language.

Mousse au chocolat, beignets et pates a choux ... sound good? Bon appetit for second-level French students as they sampled French cuisine. Advanced French students had a better understanding of the language after spending hours reading French literature. Kim Salyers, a fifth year student commented that "most people believe that the French language is difficult, but it is actually very similar to English."

Along with classroom participation several students in the French and Latin classes attended the ETSU Language Day. Students entered contests involving poetry reading, art and the presentation of skits.

Both Spanish and French students competed for a high score on the National Examinations. Ms. Robin Bowery, the Latin teacher, took twelve of her students to the Latin tournament in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Each student hoped to return with a blue ribbon or top grade to show his or her advancement in a foreign language.

LATIN, LATIN — Cindy Smith, Julia Mullins and Sherry Wright look over their Latin lesson during class. Latin students learned the correct way to speak the language.



COME OUT! Patrick Widener "tries on" a Mexican serape, with the assistance of Tonnie Mortez. Spanish students had the opportunity to examine Spanish articles.



GUYS COOKING? Michael Grisby and Gary Mason fix crepes during a French food unit. Students had the chance to illustrate their cooking abilities in French cuisine.



MORE THAN FACTS

Students rely on more than just notes

Seniors taking the place of City Government officials? The event took place when Miss Sue Shaw's AP Government students toured City Hall for a day.

How about a week away from school to see the democratic process first hand? Chris Icenhour, Matt Thiel, Tim Faulkner and Eric Hurt visited Richmond to observe the General Assembly at the invitation of Delegate John Brown. Also, senior government students who were "of age" became registered voters. These and other activities kept students busy in the Social Studies department.

Foreign exchange student Helena Holmqvist felt that "it is good to learn about the affairs of the government."

Aside from required class participation, the students in Miss Shaw's AP Government class attended several city council meetings. Students found learning about the history of the USA very interesting. Rebecca Moore said that she "simply enjoyed the manner in which Mr. Frank Mitchell taught World History." Mr. Mitchell commented on his Advanced Placement US History class by saying that it "provided an excellent background in US and Virginia History, but it also pre-

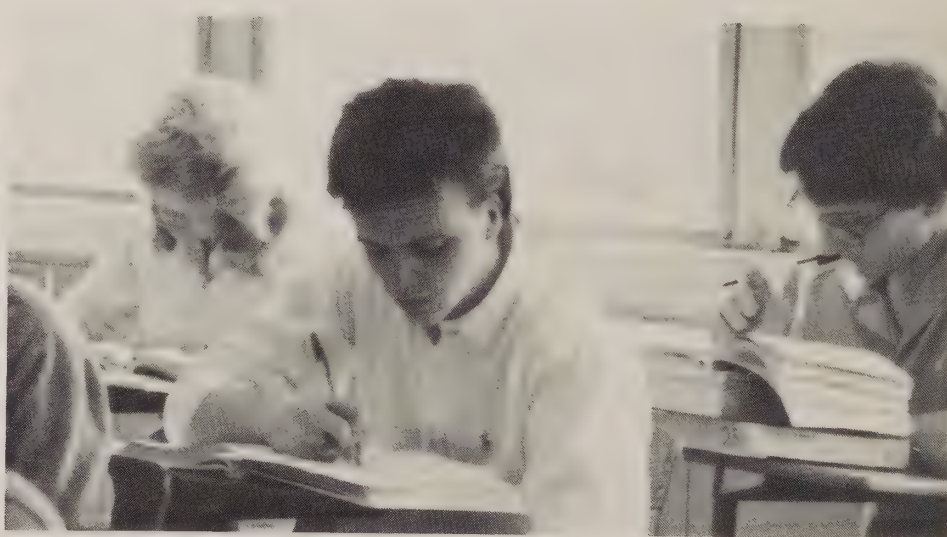
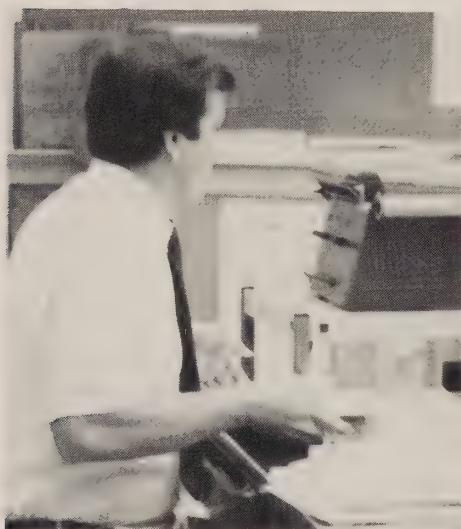
pared the student to successfully complete the Advanced Placement College Exam offered each May. Numerous students have obtained college credit resulting in substantial savings on tuition costs."

Miss Shaw's Economics class studied a project, "Enernomics", sponsored by TVA and the Utilities Board. It taught the students how to save and spend money.

All in all, students experienced an interesting year in Social Studies, as well as enjoyed the time spent with their teachers.

NOTES, NOTES AND MORE NOTES — Amy Hill, Bobby Morrison and Shawn Roark take notes in Mr. Fred Fisher's second period US History class. Taking notes was a necessity for a person to pass US History.

UNDER THE LIGHTS — Mayor-for-the-day Todd Shy is interviewed by a local TV station. Being Mayor gave Shy the chance to experience what it was like to run the city.



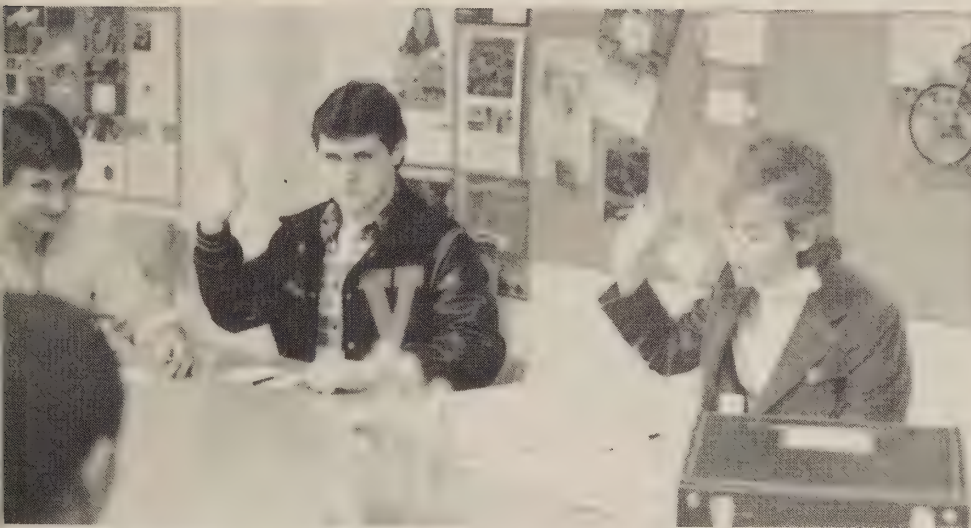
OPEN YOUR BOOKS — Mr. Fred Fisher tells his first period US History class to open their books to take notes. Mr. Fisher also taught World Geography.

ENERNOMICS? Economics teacher Miss Sue Shaw gives help to her students Randy Blevins, Jan Balthis, Chuck Mumpower and Mike Mech. The project "Enernomics" gave the students a chance to work with household analysis and budgets.





WE DO — Seniors Jeff Corvin and Mike Francisco are sworn in by city registrar Pejie Maine. This opportunity gave the seniors a chance to take part in city as well as federal elections.



IS THIS TO YOUR APPROVAL? Herb Peters, a Bristol, Virginia lawyer, presents a zoning proposal to members of the City Council for their approval. Miss Sue Shaw's AP Government students were given the chance for one day to act as Bristol's City Council. The council consisted of members April Spangler, Michelle Hayter, Tim Faulkner, Mayor Todd Shy and Vice Mayor Bobby Blevins.



IT'S ELEMENTARY

Activities range from tests to labs

Dissection, Animal Kingdom, observation of preserved specimens and the ability to use a microscope were words that described the science department composed of Applied Earth Science, Earth Science, Applied Biology, Biology I, Biology II, Chemistry I and II and Physics. Biology was required for all students, but many chose to further their

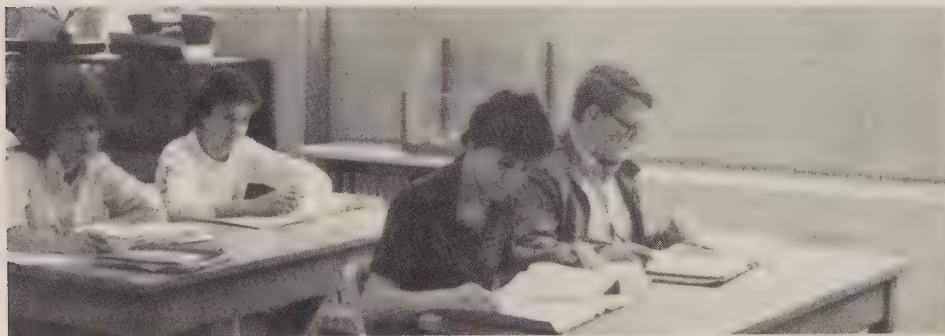
knowledge in other fields of science.

Students in Mrs. Edith Glover's Biology classes heard many guest speakers. These included Mrs. Joyce Barb, a nurse at Bristol Memorial Hospital, who spoke on her duties in the hospital recovery room. She also spoke of the education of nurses and how men now work in the profession. Mrs. Linda Fleenor spoke about her work in Pediatrics and with soon-to-be mothers in the delivery room. Mr. Neil Murphy, a backpacking professor at Virginia Highlands, as well as a professional photographer and a commissioner of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park, spoke to the science department. He took the stu-

dents on a guided tour of the Smokies on Saturday, March 3.

Miss Linda Duckworth's Biology classes dissected clams and starfish, while the AP classes dissected cats, which was one of their major projects. Although Physics and Advanced Biology were not required, many students chose to further their knowledge in science. Students in Mrs. Maxine Sams' Chemistry classes worked with computer-laboratory work and Dialogue Research communications. Chemistry II students took the American Chemical Society National Science Exam in May for achievement.

MORE NOTES? Answering the questions at the end of the chapter, Lori Brown, Pete Green, Gordon Blevins and Jason Blevins try to finish their work before the bell. Textbook material was used as a foundation for dissection which was done later in the year.



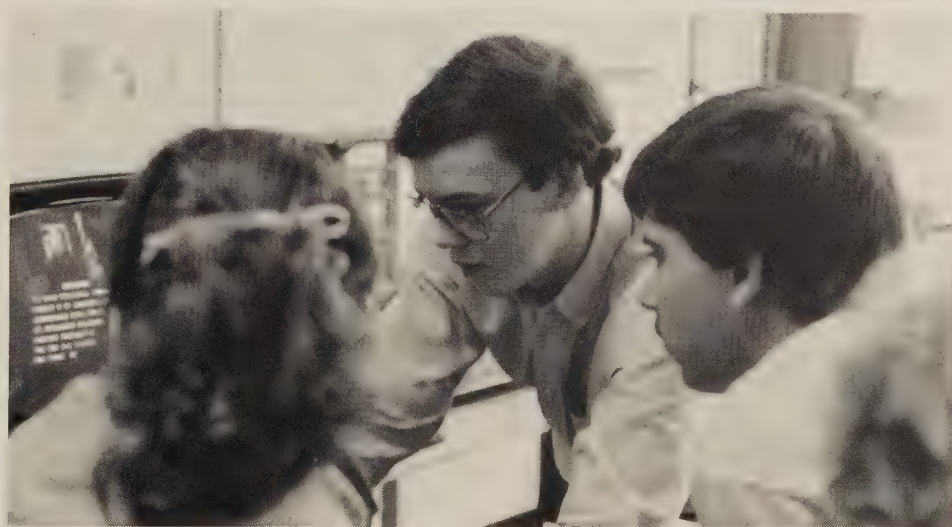
IS THIS RIGHT? During a Chemistry II lab, junior Steve Smith checks one of his formulas with Mrs. Maxine Sams. The majority of the Chemistry II class was taught in the lab through experimentation.



SOUP'S ON — While heating their crucible, senior Roger Counts and junior Bobby Tipton prepare to test the reactions of several chemicals as a result of heating them. Working with heat, as well as with cold, allowed the students to explore different reactions.

DOG GONE — Trying to locate the muscles, senior Bobby Blevins reviews for his lab practical. The entire second semester in Advanced

Biology was dedicated to the dissection of cats.



WATCH IT GROW — While watering their geraniums, Tricia McClure and Lowell Brown check the growth of their plants. Careful records were kept daily to check the growth of the geraniums.

THAT DOESN'T COMPUTE — Using the Apple II computers, Chemistry II students Tammy Bowers, Bobby Tipton and Jeff Shelton check their data. This input allowed the students to check the reactions of different chemicals.

THIS IS HOW TO DO IT — Ms. Sue Cressel explains a factoring process to her Algebra II students on the board. Lectures on assignments were common experiences for the teachers.

SUM IT UP

From adding to anti-logs

Parabolas, hyperbolas and asymptotes. To many, these words would seem to be a foreign language, but for mathematics students, they were everyday terms.

Math students found their different courses to be quite a challenge. Meeting this challenge were students in Basic Math II all the way to Calculus. No matter what the class, some students found they were burning the "midnight oil" more than expected.

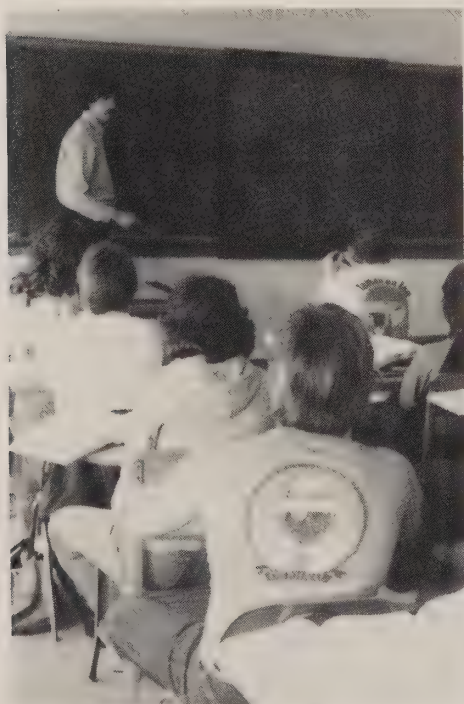
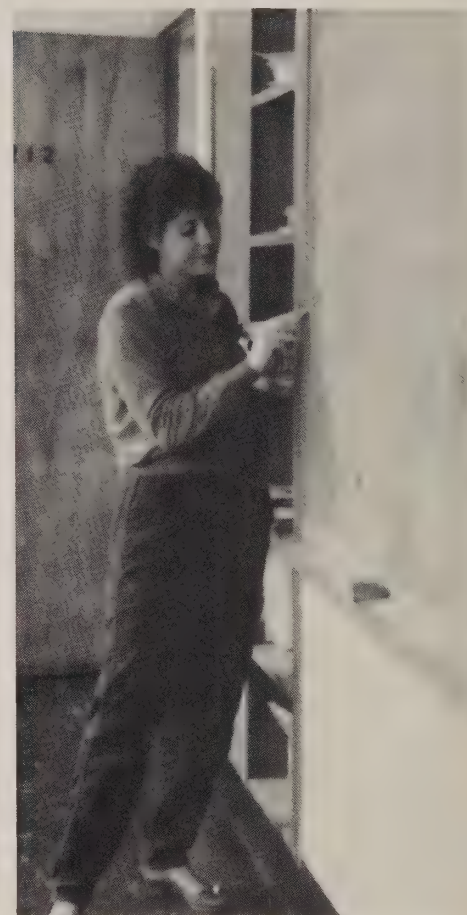
As difficult as the courses may have been, the teachers were always waiting for helpless students to come crawling in their door at the 2:30 bell for help with their homework. As the saying goes, "there is a time for everything," and math class was definitely not the time for socializing. Yes, math was one of those testy

courses requiring a student's full and undivided attention.

When a student needed help with his or her studies, the teachers were more than ready to help. Ms. Sue Cressel summed it all up by commenting, "All of the math teachers at VHS are very willing to help students after school when they need extra instruction."

Classes undertook projects which involved math of some sort in some way. Mr. Kevin Sours' Consumer Math classes had to prepare a monthly budget, figuring in expenses such as food, clothing, entertainment and savings.

The various math courses offered were Basic Math II, General Math I, General Math II, Consumer Math, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry and Advanced Algebra and Calculus.

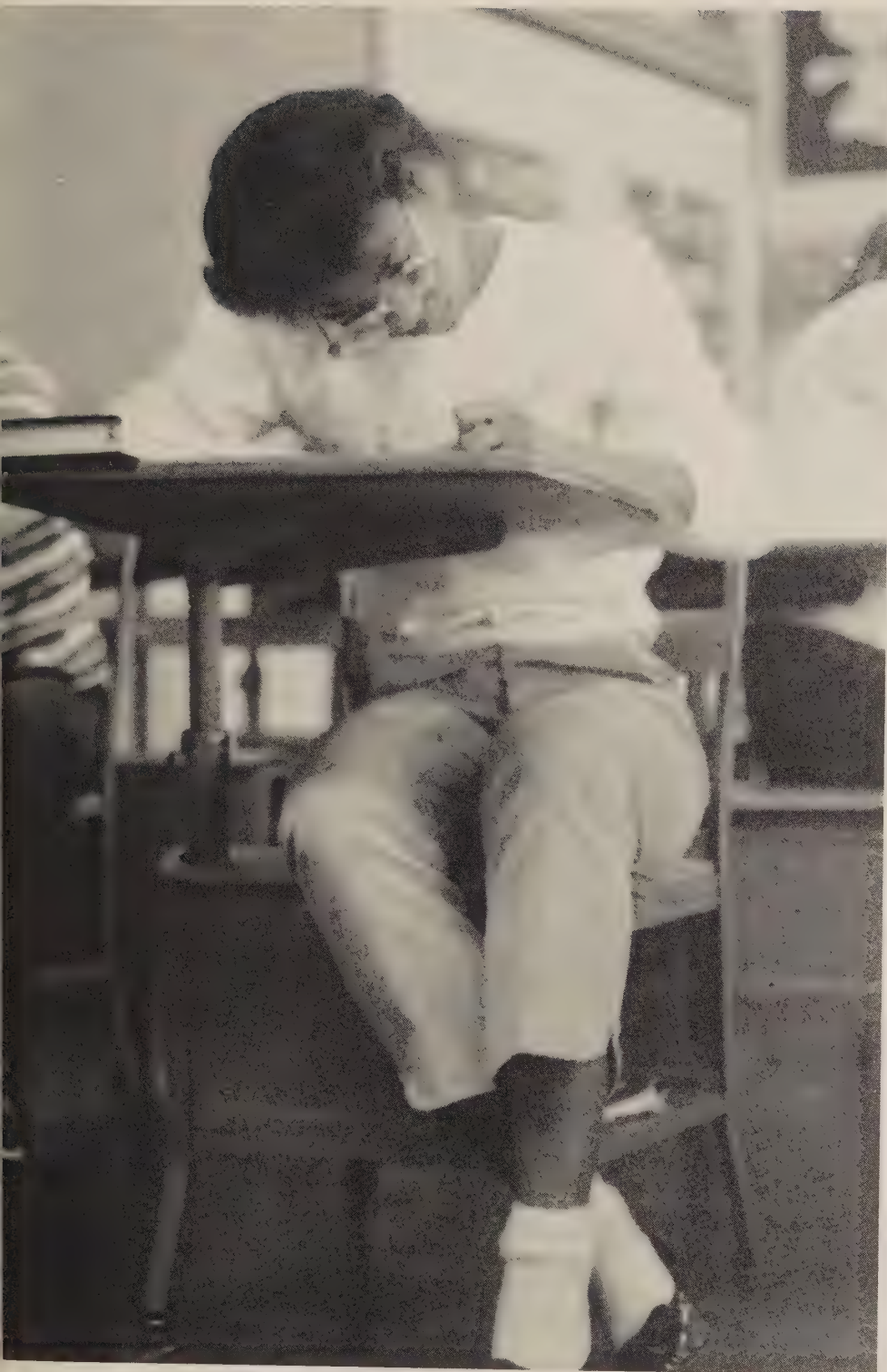


YOU BETTER WRITE THIS DOWN — Mr. Kevin Sours demonstrates to his class the correct way to do absolute values. Mr. Sours taught the Consumer Math and Algebra I courses.



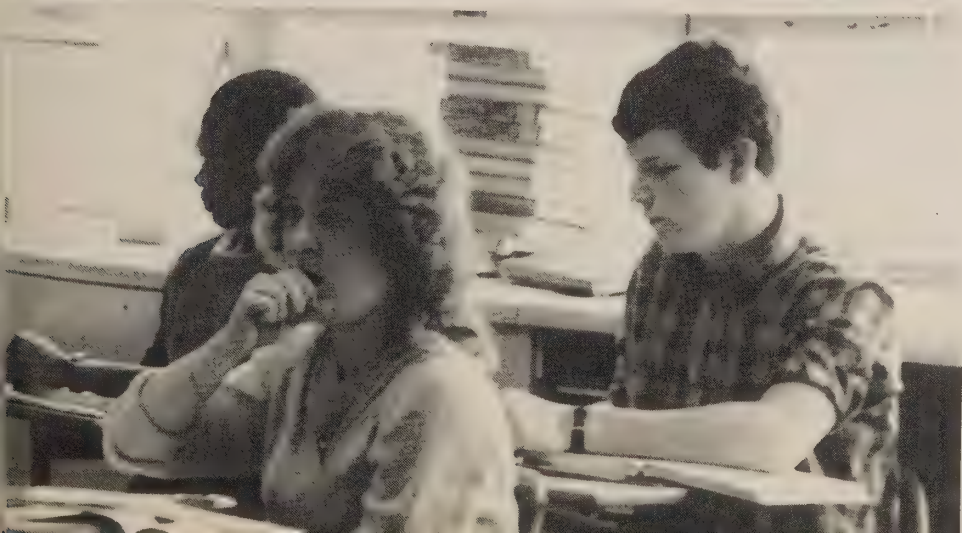
CONCENTRATION — Mr. John Brown's General Math II class devotes its attention to taking a test. Concentration was an essential factor to passing a test.

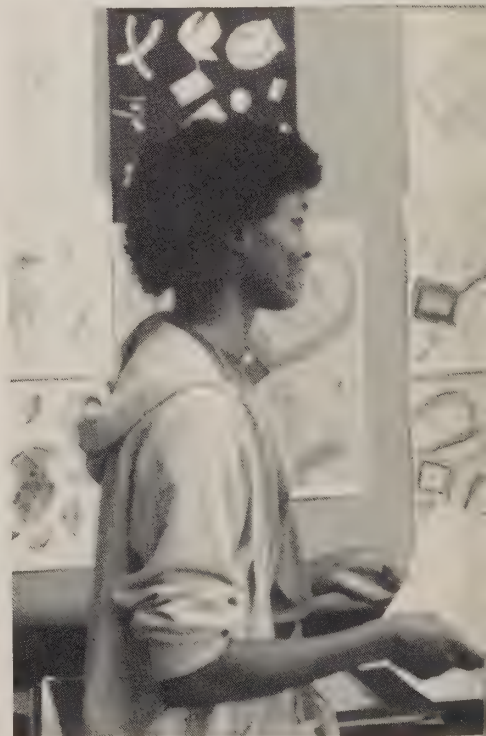
TAKES NOTES — Algebra II students William Carter, Jill Honaker and Matt Shy take time to write down notes. Notetaking was important so a student could do his or her homework.



THINKING HARD — John Brown thinks of an answer to respond to a student's question. Mr. Brown taught various courses, from general math to Calculus.

WORKING DILIGENTLY — Freshman Kim Goins tries desperately to finish her homework in class. Take-home assignments were daily activities for math students in order for them to understand the lessons.

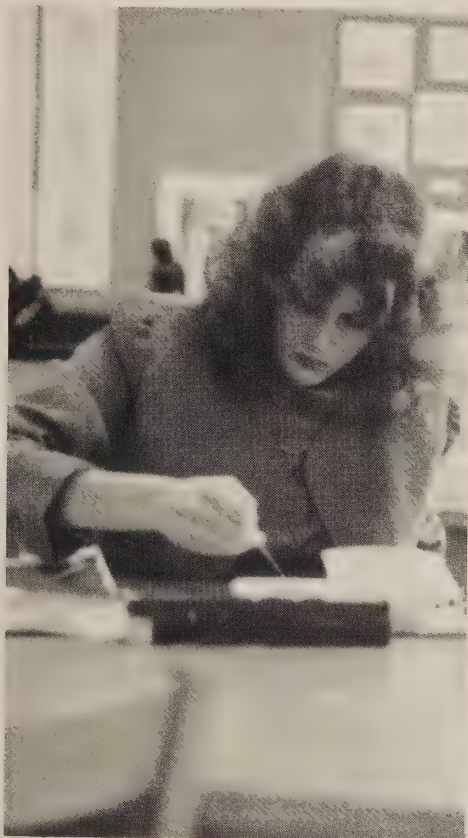




HARD WORK — A project in abstract design provides the subject of interest for Darryl Milligan, Bobby Morrison, Mark Bentley and Jeff Hubbard. Students completed projects ranging from the abstract to the classic.

NEW LOOK — Marmi Jordon and Cindy Bowers spend time arranging a bulletin board. The art department kept the display area in the English wing up to date.

CAREFUL — Dana McKenna, an advanced art student, draws a program cover for a special assignment. Art students were often called upon to design covers and other things for school events.



CREATIONS

Unique ideas materialize

From still life to splatter painting . . . art class was an hour spent in creativity, individual ideas, and just having fun! Art students studied the basics of art (art history and the works of the masters) as well as contemporary and modern art. More importantly though, art class allowed the students to create and explore the extent of their own imaginations.

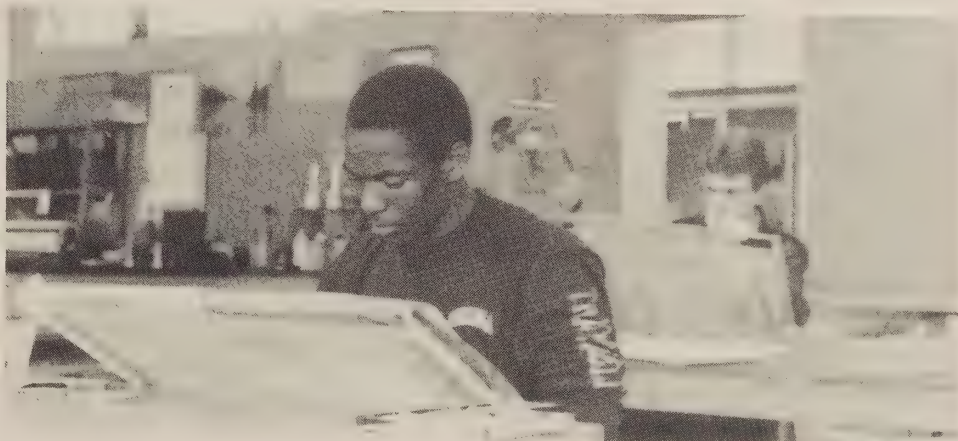
Under the supervision of Mrs. Mildred Copenhagen and Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit, art students became skilled in several types of art. Contests that were entered included Keep Virginia Green, PTA and Bristol Junior League. Contest winners included Angie Carico, Amy Rainero, Amy Cheng, Jeff Moyers, Jody Carter, Gary Mason, Myssi Owens, Neil Cunningham and Ricky Quales.

Marmi Jordan's drawing could be found in the Capitol Building in Richmond. Her work was one of twenty-five works of Virginia art students chosen to appear in the South Atlantic High School Art Exhibit.

Candidates for the conference at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts were Tammy Bowers and Darryl Milligan. They were chosen by the art department based on academic achievement and appreciation of the arts.

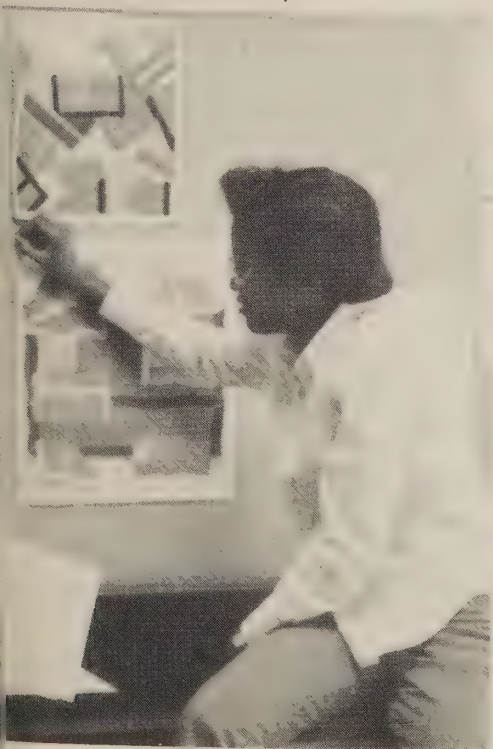
Special art students actively participated in the Highway Safety poster contest. The knowledge they gained in special art could be accredited to Mrs. Wilhoit.

Art students found that their participation in art class enriched their creativity and awareness of art in the world around them.



ADMIRATION — Rhonda Carter and Becky Lee, two advanced art students, display their projects for a design unit. Numerous students participated in these projects.

ARTISTS AT WORK — William Carter and Jody Long, Art III students, paint pictures of football players in action. Projects varied from such action designs to still lifes.



CONSTANT MOTION

P.E. is the name, activity is the game

The sounds of students' voices could be heard echoing through the halls as sophomores in the old gym did their exercises. The exercises were very important to get the body in shape for what the gym class was prepared to do next. In the words of sophomore Sharon Jackson, "I love gym although we don't have enough time to get dressed sometimes. I also like the activities we participate in."

Coaches Bill Halstead and Patty Baker began a new nine weeks with gymnastics. "I really had fun doing gymnastics. I liked the balance beam and the mini-tramp," exclaimed Kamini Desai, a sophomore.

As some were getting dressed for gym, others were getting dressed for swim-

ming. Suzanne Corley said, "I could have done without gym class, but I think the C.P.R. course in swimming was a valuable part of our education." The swimming class was taught by Terry Caldwell, the coach of the Bearcat swim team.

Drivers Education was required for sophomores in order to obtain their drivers' license. Coach Eddie Icenhour and Coach Ballard Lee took sophomores to the driving range to prepare them for road and highway driving. Kim Childress said, "I finally learned how to drive ... I think."

While the sophomore classes were in the gym for a week, freshmen classes were in the health rooms. Mrs. Teresa Necessary and Coach Jim Norton dis-

cussed the topics of consumer health, first-aid and drug abuse.

Because many juniors and seniors were still interested in Physical Education, it was available for the upperclassmen to continue their studies in the field.

Jennifer Mech and Linda Goodwin both agreed, however, that they were glad this was their last year of Physical Education.

HOLD ON TIGHT — Preparing for a try at a new stunt, Coach Bill Halstead and Karen Yates help Michelle Bobbitt put on the belt. The belt was used to spot students when they attempted flips or other stunts.



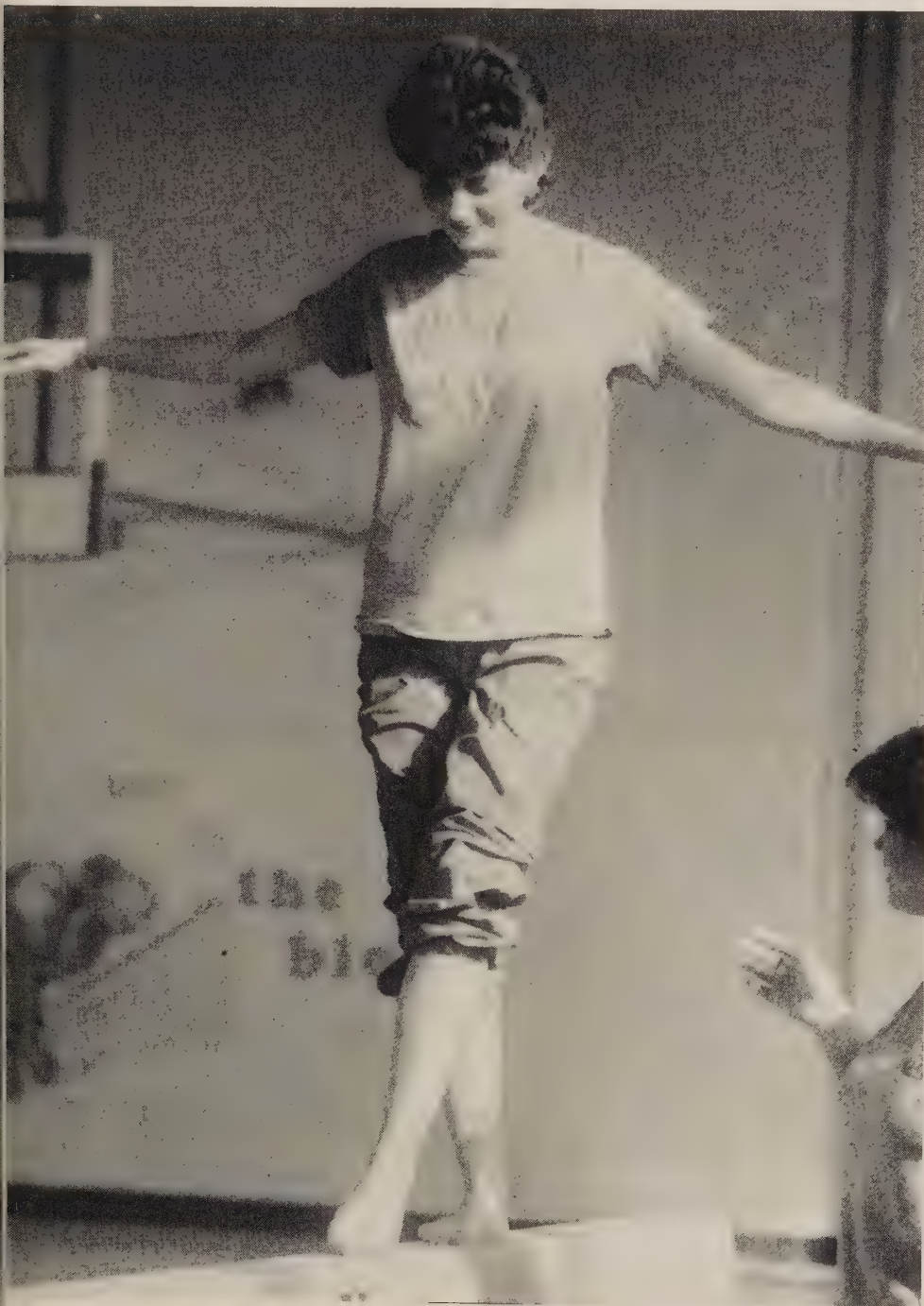
UP, DOWN — The sophomore gym class involves exercises such as pushups. Such exercises helped students to "warm up" for gym activities.

ATTENTION — The third period gym class stands ready for exercises in their gym suits. Gym suits were a new requirement for the gym classes.



WALKING TALL — In deep concentration, sophomore Michelle Wampler carefully crosses the balance beam as Jennifer Mech

assists her. Gymnastics, another feature of P.E., proved to be popular with the sophomores.



JUMP UP — Not afraid of heights, freshman Gary Mason tucks coming off the mini-tramp. The mini-tramp was one of the activities included in the gymnastics unit.



ROLLING ON — Scootering across the gym, sophomore Suzanne Corley races to the finish. Scooter relays were often added to liven up gym class.

A BLAST OF BRASS — During a performance of *Suncat*, sophomore Tonnie Tabor gives her solo all she has got. Students were rewarded

for their hard work with solos throughout the year.



GETTIN' DOWN — During the state marching contest, the band was plagued with rain and mud. However, the band finished a successful season retaining its state crown by capturing first place band, as well as auxiliary corps.



A DIFFERENT DRUM

Small "Big" Orange Band takes State

"Practice makes perfect." This phrase seemed to exemplify the true meaning of band.

Junior Steve Smith felt "band provided a great amount of opportunity, not only musically, but also academically. Participation in band was an asset regarding the relationships acquired as well as the maturity gained through it (band)." Band taught more than just musicianship, it also instilled discipline, pride and respect. These three elements led to another successful year.

Due to the expense of travel, the Big Orange Band was limited to the number of competitions attended. However, those attended proved to be successful. As a result in the change of the format for the Southeastern Band Festival, the band acted as a co-host with Tennessee High and performed for comment only.

However, the next weekend, the band performed at the Southern Mountains Marching Invitational, hosted by Dobyns-

Bennett High School. There, the band was able to flaunt the results of all of the hard work and hours spent in practice. The band garnered several awards including first place Drum Major, second place Specialty Corps, second place Percussion, first place band in its class, second place band of the day, as well as a Division I rating.

The next weekend, members were able to pack their bags and enjoy each other's company for a five-hour drive to Elon, North Carolina, where they participated in the Central North Carolina Band Festival. There, the band competed not only against themselves, but also against bands from five states. After their performance, the band was proud to learn of their results. Coveting six trophies, the band was awarded first place Drum Major, first place Flag Corps, first place Rifle Corps, first place Horn Line, a Division I rating and first place band in its class.

The following weekend, as well as the

final competition, placed all of the extra practices and pep talks on the line, everything was at stake. Their state championship was on the line. The previous year, the band was able to capture the title of AAA State Champions, however, due to the diminished size of the band, it chose to compete under AA heading. The band, however, as in earlier competitions, dominated in the awards. The band received both the first place band in its class, as well as first place Auxiliary Corps, including Drum Major, Flag Corps, Rifle Corps and Majorettes. Flag Corps co-captain Angie Owens expressed the general ideas of everyone when commenting, "All of the hard work really paid off when we were able to exclaim, 'we are state champions'."

However, these weekend excursions were soon a thing of the past, with only the memories and trophies to remind them of all the effort put into those performances

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CUE — Under the direction of Mr. Costa Geros, the band warms up before a pep rally. Playing at the pep rallies was just one of the several extra activities the band was involved in.



I LOVE A PARADE — During the Southeastern Band Festival, Drum Major Lisa Kiser leads the band down State Street. As a result

in the change of format, the band competed for comment only.

LAST SHOT — The final performance for the band proves to be a successful one as the band is able to maintain its state title. Due to a lack of funds, the band was only able to attend three competitions; however, all proved to be successful.

PLAY IT AGAIN — Concert season always seems to arrive too early for most. While the memories of marching season lingered, preparation for concert season and District Festival began.



WHERE'S RONALD? Nominated for the McDonalds All-American Marching Band, Robb Smith, with Mr. A.T. Outlaw, is recognized by the local McDonalds for his accomplishments. In order to be selected, a list of Smith's musical accomplishments was submitted for review. Only two students were selected from the state of Virginia.



D I F F E R E N T D R U M

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Concert season soon rolled around the corner, too soon for most. However, it was known that a successful marching season depended on a successful concert season. Concert season provided a time where individualized discipline was a necessity. This discipline was evidenced through practice, including scales and sight reading as well as prepared music. Competitiveness, however, was still evident as preparation began for District Festival. The festival, held in April, offered the band a chance to retain its title of a Virginia State Honors Band, an honor bestowed to only three bands in the state. However, due to the inclement weather and shortened practice time, the band was unable to maintain its honors band status.

A bright spot during concert season, however, was the participation in All-Regional Band, held in Richlands, Virginia. Tryouts were held in December to determine seating for the February concert.

Students qualifying for Symphonic Band included Melissa Brooks, Susan Francis, Melissa Leonard, Steve Mullins, Bill Roberts, Robb Smith and Steve Smith. Those in Concert Band included Becky Barker, Amy Leonard and Mike Sexton. Carolyn Waldo qualified for the Junior Band.

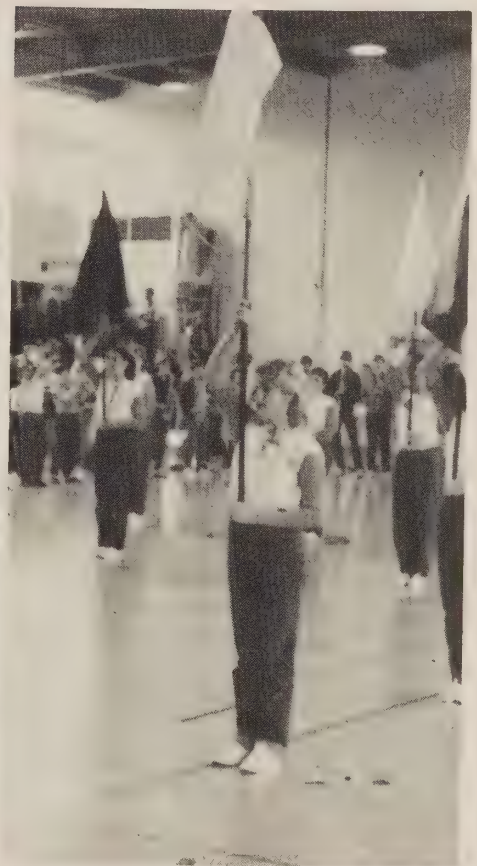
As a result of the All-Regional seating, five students, Melissa Brooks, Melissa Leonard, Steve Mullins, Robb Smith and Steve Smith were eligible for All-State Auditions held in Richmond. This was the most to ever attend auditions from Virginia High.

Several students also participated in the East Tennessee State University Honors Band held in Johnson City, Tennessee. Wind Ensemble members included Melissa Brooks, Susan Francis and Bill Roberts. Symphonic Band members consisted of Amy Leonard, Becky Barker, Melissa Leonard, Steve Mullins, Shawn Roark and Mike Sexton.



HIGH FIVE — Soloists Melissa Brooks and Susan Francis congratulate each other on another fine performance. They and played at the grand opening of State Street, as well as at other local events.

WE'VE GOT THE BEAT — During the Homecoming pep rally, the flag corps performs in front of the student body. The flag corps, along with the rest of the band, cheerleaders and students displayed their 'Cat pride during these pep rallies.

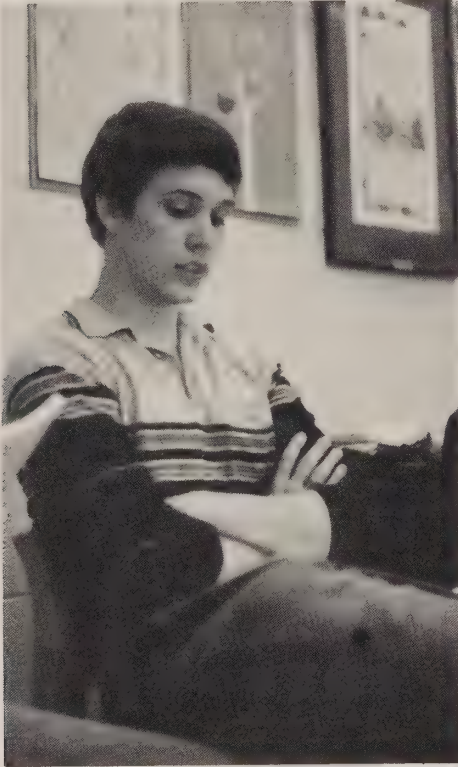


BAND OFFICERS — Front row: Drum Major Lisa Kiser and President Robb Smith. Second row: Secretary Robin Alvis, Marcus Fleenor, Tonnie Moretz, Chaplain Trevor Hamilton and Vice-President Steve Smith. Back row: Treasurer Cathy Lawson, Mike Sexton, Scotty Frazier and Shawn Roark.

NEW FACE

Meeting challenges

ONE, TWO . . . Counting out his beats, Senior Tony Icenhour watches his music. Tony Icenhour was selected to attend All-State choir in Richmond, Va.



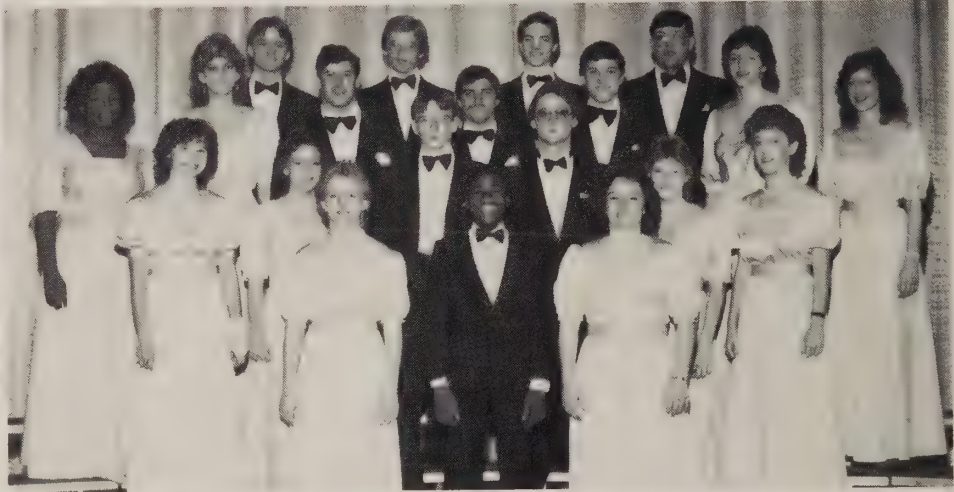
Choral students were in for a change as they started the new school year. Mrs. Diane Thomas had taken over the position of being choral director for the high school after the retirement of Betty Layman. Mrs. Thomas, who had taught in the school system for several years in elementary schools, along with husband/volunteer Bill Thomas, started the year off facing a challenge. Mrs. Thomas expressed this as she was asked what she thought about teaching a high school choral department, she stated, "It is musically much more interesting and challenging at this level." Mr. Thomas worked with the choirs on vocal and choral techniques. During the spring, he staged a condensed version of Gilbert and Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore* with the chorale.

Beginning a new season, the choirs began work on Christmas music and concert choir traveled to several area churches,

civic groups and to some elementary schools. Their program consisted of Christmas music. But, after Christmas and winter break, several students were selected to participate in all-regional choirs, a total of 28 students attended, a record number to attend from Virginia High. For the senior high regionalists, the concert was given in Pearisburg, Va. and for the junior all-regionalists, it was located in Patrick Henry, Va. Those attending were Robb Smith, Mike Sexton, C.C. Birdwell, Tony Icenhour, Scott Frazier, Wayne Odum, Brad Shutes, Chris Icenhour, William Johnston, Bill Roberts, Chris Shearin, Lisa Tilley, Dawn Williams, Christi Jones, Melanie McBroom, Jenny Draper, Polly Sutherland, Angie Icenhour, Todd Hare, Chris Oliver, Jonathan Ball, Brian Hileman, Anthony Campbell, Jennie Hartsock, Krissie Johnson, Kim Crowe, Noel

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CHORALE — Front row: Christi Jones, C.C. Birdwell and Robin Alvis. Second row: Lisa Tilley, Tracy Hill, Chris Shearin, Robb Smith, Jenny Draper and Donna White. Third row: Patricia Turner, Beth Willis, Chris Icenhour, Bill Roberts, Tony Icenhour, Melanie McBroom and Beth Loudy. Back row: Brian McGrady, Scott Frazier, Bradley Shutes and Al Dillard. Not pictured are Dawn Williams and Mike Sexton.



PRETTY SOUNDS — Singing during chorale Christi Jones, Donna White and Melanie McBroom practice for the Spring Concert. Chorale did several musical numbers at the event.





SING ALONG! Practicing for all-regional choir, Bill Roberts, Robb Smith and Christi Jones go over a song with director Diane Thomas. All-regional was held in February at Pearisburg, Va.

CONCERT CHOIR — Front row: Sandy Sharrett, Erika Romanoff, Lisa McCroskey, Angie Statzer, Tracy Hill, Christi Jones, Lisa Tilley, Candy Skraggs, Robin Alvis, Debbie Robinson, Michelle Stout and Angie Caudill. Second row: Mrs. Diane Thomas, Dori Collins, Wendy Davidson, Lori Slagle, Patricia Turner, Sharon Goodson, Tamera Mitchell, Jenny Draper, Tammy Chapman, Cindy Ashley, Donna White, Tammy Curtis, Angie Price and Melissa Leonard. Third row: Beth Willis, Susan Dixon, James Hall, Mike Wilson, Ben Buchanan, Bill Roberts, C.C. Birdwell, Chris Shearin, Robb Smith, Donnie Hoss, Tony Icenhour, Beth Loudy and Melanie McBroom. Back row: William Johnston, Teddy Hibbs, Chris Icenhour, Kevin Farmer, Brian McGrady, Scott Frazier, Brad Shutes, Al Dillard, Mike Sexton and Mark Daniels.



MIXED CHORUS — Front row: Jenny Hartsock, Lea Mae, Cheryl Murphy, Kim Crowe, Angie Icenhour, Jennifer Romanoff, Noel Dillow, Tish Harrison, Polly Sutherland and Carol Shaffer. Second row: Tracie Bunche, Angie Dunn, Denise McVey, Beth Lunsford, Melissa Bartee, Regina Palmer, Cheryl Riggs, Kim Wester, Rena Gammon, Prue Smith, Tammie Vaughn and Angie Rutledge. Third row: Jonathan Ball, Matt Shy, Gary Bowers, Brian Hileman, Travis O'Dell, Anthony Campbell, David Counts, Cody Miller, Todd Hare and Mike Adkins.

NEW FACE

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Dillow and Angie Rutledge. Four members were selected to attend all-state chorus, which was held in Richmond, Va. during May. Those selected were Robb Smith, Tony Icenhour, Brad Shutes and Dawn Williams.

During March, members of the choir, boarded a bus and headed for Atlanta, Ga. Once there, the students stopped at the Northwest Atlanta Hilton, where they unloaded their luggage and left to visit one of the malls located in Atlanta. The

following morning, the students rose early in hopes of beating the crowds of people at Six Flags Over Georgia. Later that day, the students loaded the bus and prepared for the trip to return home.

On May 22, the choirs gave their spring concert, a sad time for many, as seniors realized it was their last concert with the group and underclassmen realized they were going to miss a few of the seniors, as expressed by Brian Hileman, "... I have made lots of friends in choir, and I will

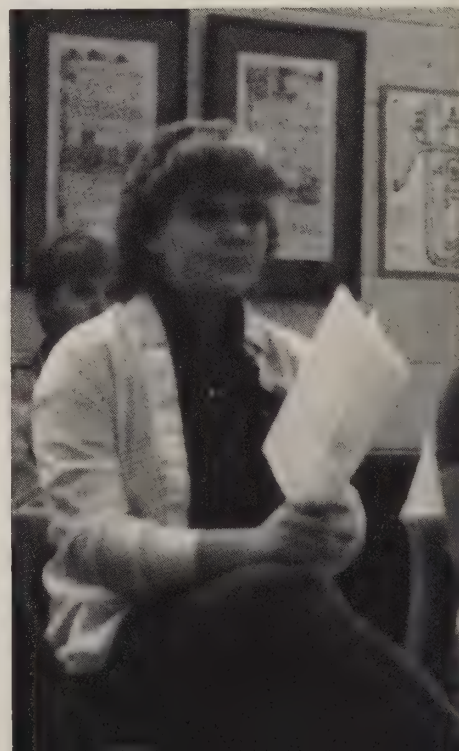
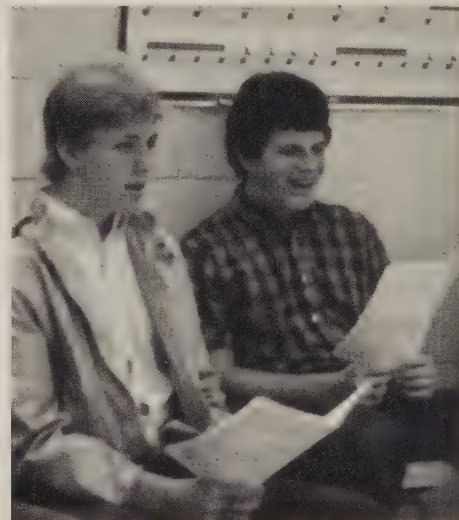
miss the ones that graduate this year." But, the real emotions seemed to have been shown on June 8, as senior choir members sung their very last song under the direction of Mrs. Thomas, for it was graduation night and this was the last song of the evening ...

LA, LA, "OOPS!" Seeming to have found a mistake during mixed chorus, Chris Oliver and Matt Shy try to control their laughter. Mixed chorus prepared students for concert choir and chorale.



WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE — Front row: Jenny Hartsock, Lea Mae, Cheryl Murphy, Kim Crowe, Angie Icenhour, Jennifer Romanoff, Noel Dillow, Tish Harrison, Polly Sutherland and Carol Shaffer. Second row: Robin Alvis, Angie Caudill, Angie Statzer, Lisa McCroskey, Christi Jones, Tracy Hill, Erika Romanoff, Sandy Sharrett, Jenny Draper, Candy Scraggs, Debbie Robinson, Michelle Stout, Angie Price and Melissa Leonard. Third row: Tracey Bunche, Angie Dunn, Denise McVey, Beth Lunsford, Lisa Tilley, Melissa Bartee, Regina Palmer, Cheryl Riggs, Kim Wester, Rena Gammon, Prue Smith, Tammy Vaughn and Angie Rutledge. Fourth row: Beth Willis, Susan Dixon, Dori Collins, Wendy Davidson, Patricia Turner, Lori Slagle, Tammie Chapman, Sharon Goodson, Tamera Mitchell, Cindy Ashley, Donna White, Tammy Curtis, Beth Loudy and Melanie McBroom.

WHAT PAGE? Beginning in the middle of a song can sometimes be confusing, as shown by Teresa Lewis of the mixed chorus. The students rehearsed daily to prepare for concerts.



DUAL ROLE — Playing along with concert choir, Mrs. Diane Thomas directs and is the pianist. The students soon discovered Mrs. Thomas was quite an accomplished pianist.



MEN'S ENSEMBLE — Front row: Jonathan Ball, Matt Shy, Gary Bowers, Brian Hileman, Travis O'Dell, Anthony Campbell, David Counts, Cody Miller, Todd Hare and Mike Adkins. Second row: James Hall, Mike Wilson, Ben Bucanan, Bill Roberts, C.C. Birdwell, Chris Shearin, Robb Smith, Donnie Hoss and Tony Icenhour. Back row: William Johnston, Teddy Hibbs, Chris Icenhour, Kevin Farmer, Brian McGrady, Scott Frazier, Brad Shutes, Al Dillard, Mike Sexton and Mark Daniels.

DO-RE-MI — Directing the mixed chorus, volunteer Bill Thomas gives the choir its cues. Mr. Thomas was a major asset to the choir program.



CONFUSION! Programming assignments usually cause some confusion and senior Pam Crusenberry finds that it is not an easy task. The Basic language was learned before programming began.



PRESSURE! Typing a five-minute writing, sophomore Jill Honaker works to complete her writing with no mistakes. Five minute writings completed a majority of class time in Typing I.

PRINT OUT

Computers become new tool

Fingers are poised over keys as pressure builds for five-minute time writings. The command to start is given and what seems like 30 hands hit the typewriter. Sounds not unlike machine guns radiate through the typing room as the five-minute writing continues. This was an almost everyday happening in Typing I. Five-minute writings, business letters, envelopes and warm-ups add up to a busy hour. Mrs. Brenda Carroll said that her project for the year was to "work hard."

Recordkeeping and Introduction to Business were also included in the Business section. Career folders were the project of the Introduction to Business. Students chose a career and gathered information, pictures and articles pertaining to that career.

Business Computer Applications, formerly Data Processing, was available for the first year in the Business department. The first semester consisted mostly of bookwork, but during the second semester, Business Computer Applications stu-

dents were given the opportunity to apply their knowledge by working directly with computers.

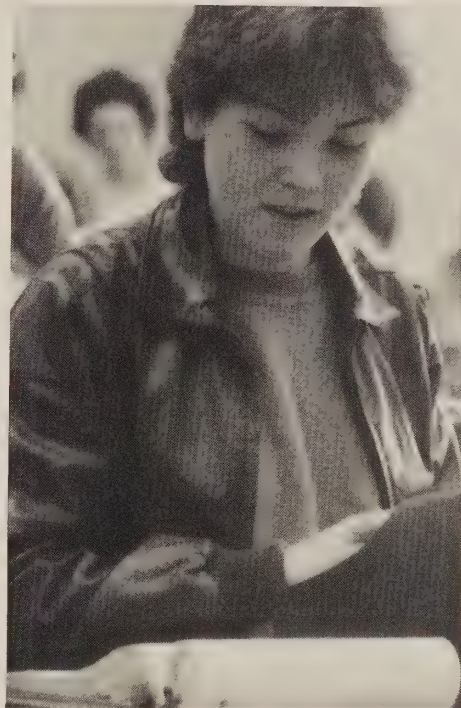
Students in the Office Specialist course might have been overwhelmed with the conglomeration of adding machines, computers, typewriters and dictaphones, but these instruments soon became old friends.

The classes of Accounting I and II, taught by Miss Carolyn Walsh used adding machines, typewriters, duplication machines and transcribing machines. Additionally, the classes kept records monthly on the Apple computer.

Secretarial Administration took on the project of making pamphlets for Vocational Education Week. The students in this business class proved to be a tremendous help to many teachers. The work study project enabled the students to perform as secretaries for the teachers.

Students learned the basics of Stenography which included using dictations. By the end of the year, the class averaged 120 words per minute.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Completing her assignment, sophomore Tina Carroll keeps her eyes on the book. It was important not to look at the keys while typing.



GETTING ASSISTANCE — Lending a helping hand, Mrs. Brenda Abernathy helps Stephen Sonner complete his program. Programming was a difficult task, but was mastered by the Business Computer Applications class.





CHARGING UP — Working with switches and outlets poses no problem for Billy Bowman. Through repairs like these, students were better prepared for employment in the electricity field.



ENJOYING IT — Senior Jacque Adams puts his electrical skills to work. Gaining experience such as this, led to a better understanding of electrical repair.

LIGHTS, CAMERA — Seniors Spencer Horton and Lawrence White wire a lighting system. Work on boards such as this enabled students to become better acquainted with electrical systems.

CHECKING TO BE SURE — The use of reference material helps get the job done, as illustrated by James Malloy. The use of reference material was a minor part of the class; experience was the main teaching aid.

PRACTICAL

Preparation for future

Lights, wires, circuitry boards, an alien invasion? No, it is the electricity class giving students on-the-job training. The range of class experience went from wiring a house that the building trades department built, to allowing the students to compete with electricity students from other schools.

Participating in the VICA skill olympics included Andy Dannhardt and Bill Lester. Scotty Yates represented the class in the VICA spelling contest. Electricity instructor was Mr. Lynn Taylor.

Nearby the alien invasion, one could hear sounds resembling a space shuttle taking off. Could it be the auto mechanics class? Yes, and the man behind the department was James C. Jones, the instruc-

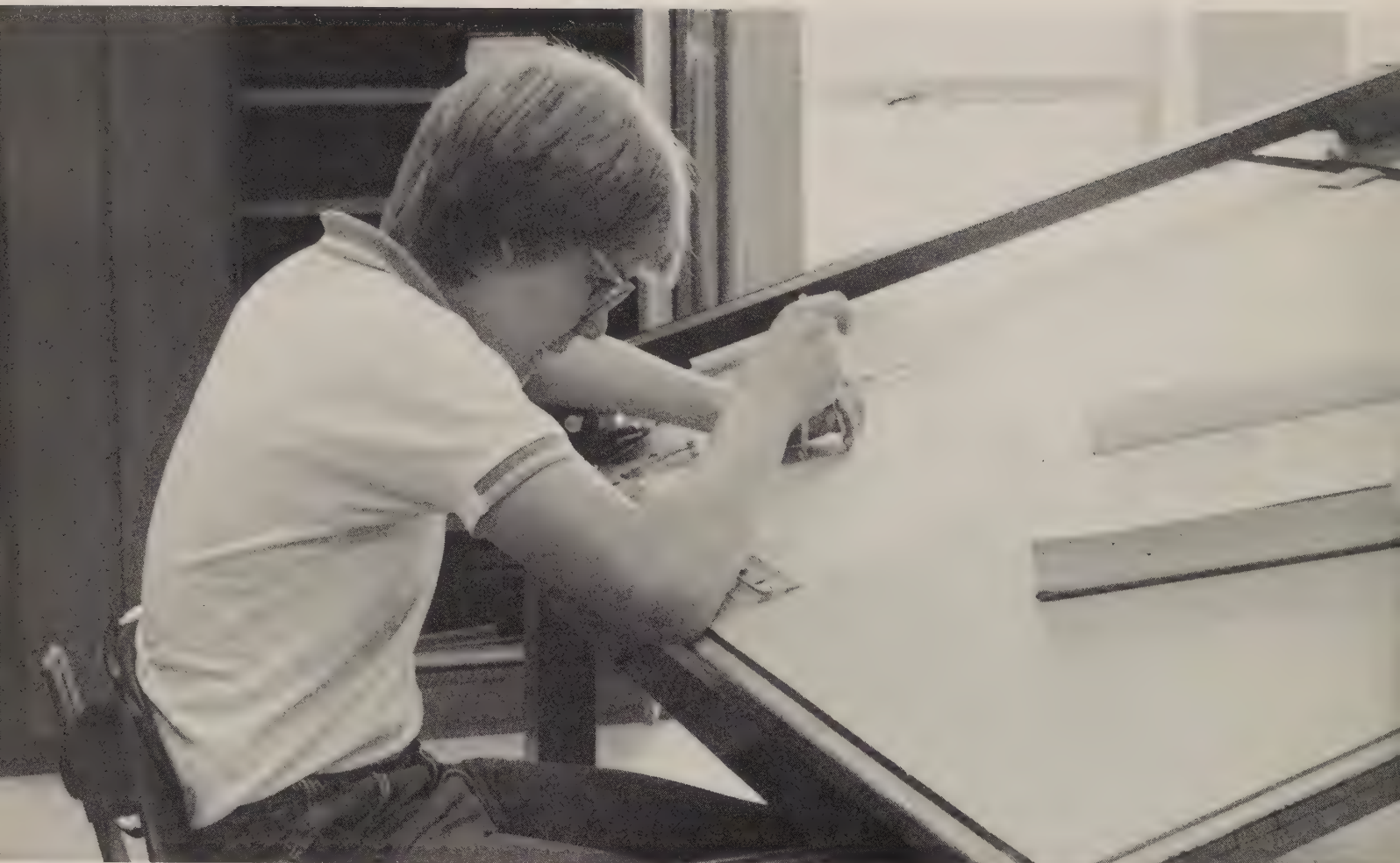
tor. Similar to the electricity class, auto mechanics provided on-the-job training. Often citizens of the community benefited from having their cars repaired by the students.

Two students who excelled in this area were Ed Leonard and Carl Peters. They participated in the District VIII VICA auto mechanics contest. Others in the class competed in the Plymouth AAA Trouble Shooting written exam in Pulaski, Virginia, and in the District VIII Static contest. Both the electricity and the auto mechanics classes provided skills and training needed for the working world; furthermore they enabled students to have a better understanding of the job market.



TIGHTENING UP — Using a little muscle seems to be no problem for junior Jeff Stowers. Repairs made on cars belonging to community members provided experience to supplement the classroom teaching.

HELPING HAND — Junior Carl Peters and sophomore James Malloy get some advice from Instructor James Jones. Teachers often aided the class members, though completing work on their own was the main objective of each student.



ACQUIRING TECHNIQUE — David King utilizes a drafting book as a guide for his drawing. Most first-year students, like King, were sophomores, since the class was not available to freshmen.

CONCENTRATION — Drafting students Leroy Worley (foreground) and Chris Shearin work diligently to finish their project. One of these projects included laying the floor plans for a house.



WHAT DO I DO NOW? Printing students Brian Goodman and Guy Slagle watch as Mr. Eugene Williams shows them how to use the printing machine. Working with the printing machine was an every day occurrence since so much of the school's bulletins, tickets, programs, brochures, etc. were printed here.



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Classes rely on basics

As students walked into Mr. John Melvin's first period class, all that could be heard was the sound of tables being adjusted and drawing instruments being secured in preparation for "drafting" that had nothing to do with the army.

Torr Coulthard, a first year drafting student said, "I like drafting a lot, and I really enjoy the class. It sure beats algebra."

The atmosphere of printing class was altogether different from that of drafting class. Upon entering, the sound of printing machinery clammerings and the voice of students attempting to talk over them could be observed.

"The printing class is very valuable to the school system, because we print the report cards, memos, letterheads and envelopes. I really like printing because it

gives us a chance to do something for the community," said Jeff Hall.

Several excelled in drafting and in printing classes. Kevin Worley, a third-year drafting student drew the plans for a house which was built by the building trades class. Randy Salyers placed first in a local printing contest and Regina Eller placed second. Five students competed in District VIII VICA competition in drafting. These were Chris Jessee, Brian Widener, Kevin Worley, Kevin Statzer, and Thomas Smith who was VICA male student-of-the-year.

An important aspect of drafting and printing classes was the job career opportunities they offered young people. Those who have training in these areas often found acceptance into good jobs at the professional level.



STEADY HAND — Torr Coulthard (foreground) and Eric Dakin are working hard on layouts. This was one of the many projects accomplished by the Drafting I class.

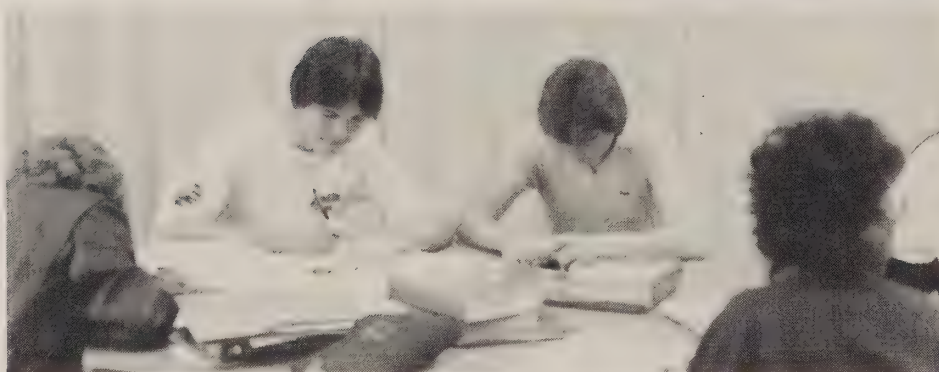


PUTTING IT TOGETHER — Assembling an academic program, junior Phillip Roe completes his assigned amount. The printing class completed many projects for the school and the community.

IS THIS ALL? Piggly Wiggly cashier Tammy Ferguson assists a customer. Piggly Wiggly was chosen "Employer of the Year."

HEAVY LOAD — Senior Jon Corvin helps a K Mart customer load a purchase into her car. On-the-job training required a large use of human relations.

CAUGHT YOU! Junior Jackie Sturgil is seen joking by Valley Drive Drug Manager Robert Little. Students were required to do many tasks disliked.



NOTES — Senior Randy Holt takes notes on servicing merchandise. Notes were an important asset to all students when preparing for tests.

EXTRA HOURS — Junior Lisa Bellamy and Senior Eddie Corns stay after school to prepare invitations for the Employee-Employer Banquet. Many hours were spent in preparation for the banquet.





"PRODUCTS"

Students produce, sell

Thank you for calling, Geiger-counter Inc."

"Yes, this is Frank of Emmeton Sales."

"How can I help, Frank?"

"Our customers are demanding larger quantities of our supplies than ever."

"So, I see, Frank."

"We were hoping you could put a rush on our next shipment."

"Sure! It will be there in a week. Our product lines are running top speed."

"That's great, I really appreciate it. Thank you so much."

"You're quite welcome and good-bye!"

This could be a typical conversation between many Distributive Education and Industrial Cooperative Training students. ICT students produce the products and the DE students present the product to the public.

ICT students received training in many areas of production. They studied small engines, masonry construction, agriculture and other areas.

Many ICT students received awards for their high performance in several areas. Senior Tammy Peters was chosen as outstanding girl of the year. Tim Gibson and

Jessee Parks were chosen as outstanding boys of the year.

DE students covered many areas, also. They studied the marketing aspects of products such as sales promotion, human relations, communications, marketing math, transportation, warehousing and more.

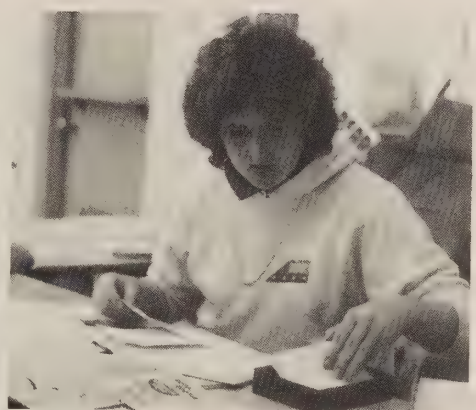
Since communication was an important asset for DE and ICT students, Mrs. Jett from the social security office came and spoke on welfare fraud.

Miss Robin Rose from McDonald's came and explained just how the company was started and how it is run. She also explained security procedures for the franchise.

Taxes were an essential part of study for both DE and ICT students. Mrs. Ann Corley from H & R Block came and spoke to both classes. She gave helpful information on filing taxes.

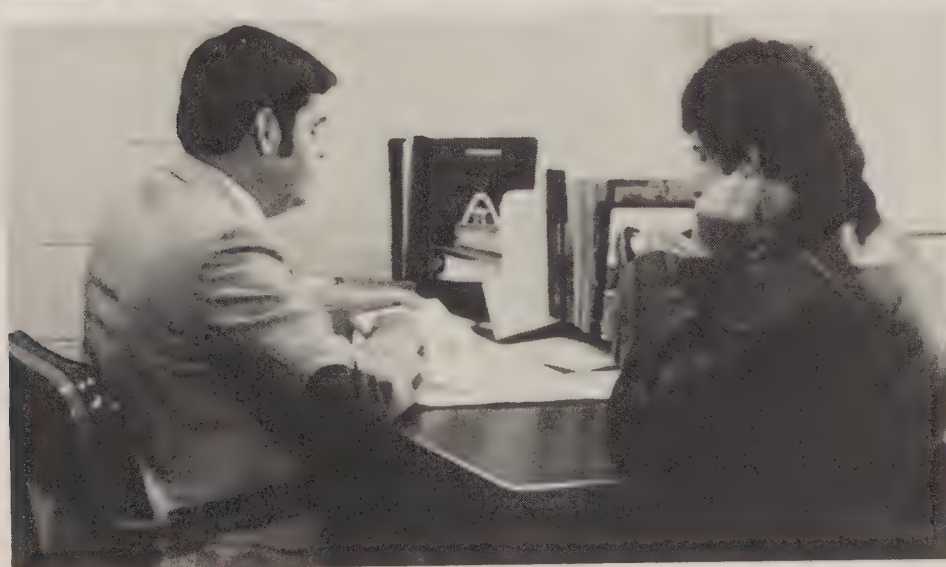
Since both of these classes were on-the-job as well as in the classroom, students received credits for participation in both aspects.

The success of these two courses was due to cooperation of teachers, students, and employers in the community.



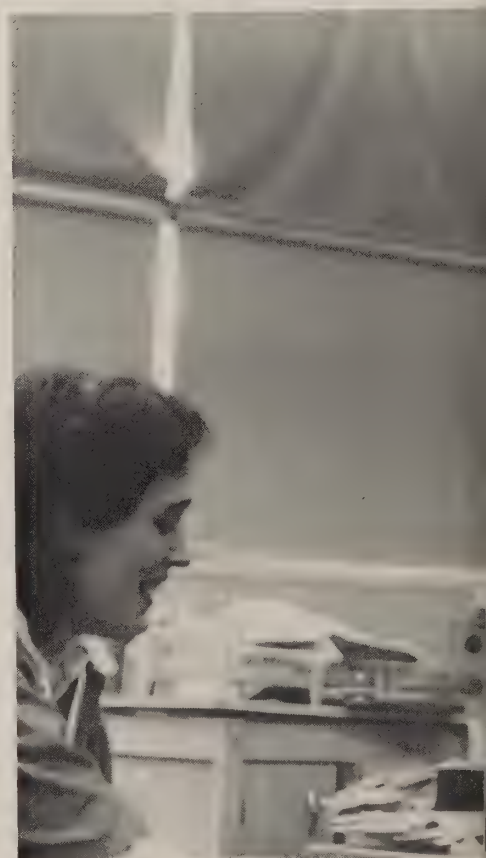
HOW MANY? Junior Daina Odum checks to see if there are enough invitations for the Employee-Employer banquet. The banquet was given in appreciation for the hard work of the students and employers.

HOT STUFF — Senior Joyce Brown prepares fries at an area McDonald's. McDonald's provided many students with on-the-job training.



IT ALL TAKES TIME — With the help of Mr. Robert Taylor, senior Randy Rutledge receives extra attention with his history. Teachers offered special help to students who sought their assistance.

DO I HAVE TO? Science projects were a central part of individualized instruction for sophomores Rhonda Goodell and Lee Freeman. Projects organized for the class included classifying shelled animals and dissecting eight animals from minute sponges to frogs.



THAT'S THE SPOT — Dissecting an earthworm, Richard Shuffler with the help of Mrs. Edith Glover, locates the various organs of the worm. Dissection led to a better awareness of the human body because of the similarities of the organs between animals and man.

IT'S SHOWTIME — The muppeteers give a show for the children at McDonalds on the Volunteer Parkway. This is an annual event for Mrs. Catherine Parker's classes.



BECOMING

Individual emphasis

Individualized Instruction was designed to help each student do his very best, have a good self-image and become more self-sufficient.

The classes helped provide needed skills. The students were taught first aid, home economics, reading skills and communication, with the help of audio visual aids, films, computers data file on Presidents and States.

Classes such as English, math and science were taught on each individual's level. This allowed students to work at their own pace.

Another part of Individualized Instruc-

tion was the WECF program. The Work Experience Cooperative Programs' major emphasis was in the development of general knowledge, proper attitude, basic skills and good work habits.

Regardless of the work the students did have fun. Mrs. Cathrine Parker's classes participated in the Special Olympics. The area meet was at Tennessee High and the Regional meet at John S. Battle.

Mrs. Rachel Morrison's music class presented two shows representative of MTV. The students enjoyed being stars for one day and had a good response from the faculty who were audience members.



A HELPING HAND — As sophomore Lee Freeman works on his English, Mrs. Catherine Parker looks on to check his progress. Individualized Instruction allowed the students to work at their own pace.

AUTOMATIC

Students use hand tools

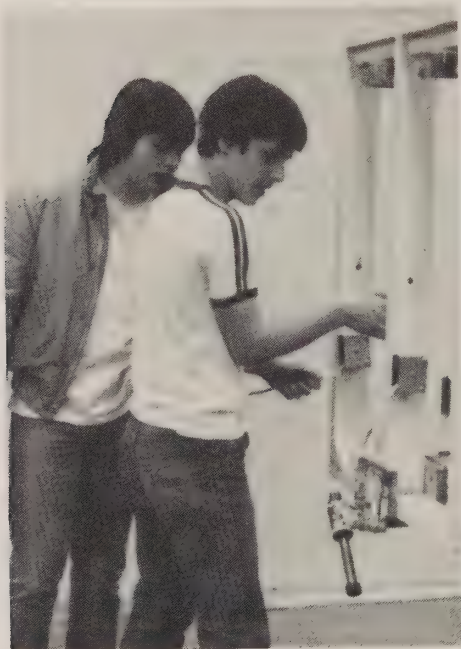
Learning how to build a house from the foundation to the finished product and having it sell at a competitive price sounds like a tall order. Not so for the Building Trades class which undertakes the awesome task each year. Wood Technology and Industrial Occupational Exploration students were taught skills to operate and repair various items as well as create designs for several projects.

Various competitions were held, and Building Trades students who competed were Barry Harless, Curtis Cross and Bill Perry in the district skill contest, Gary Pul-

lon in the extemporaneous speaking and Shane Sullivan in job interview. Harless placed third in the district competition.

Students in Wood Technology had projects which they made and took home. According to instructor Marion Dugger, IOE students worked with sheet metals, screen printing, drafting, small engine repair, house wiring and wood work. Freshmen Travis O'Dell and John Dixon both agreed that "this class had been a lot of fun and helpful." Charles Wade, also a freshman, concluded that "the class had been very educational and informative."

DO IT RIGHT — Joe Wood and Darryl Salyer put finishing touches on their projects. After completing the projects, students were allowed to take them home.



TIE UP LOOSE ENDS — Kevin Booher and Hans Dreger practice wiring receptacles in I.O.E. From changing light bulbs to wiring a house, students in this class received a broad background in the field of electrical maintenance.

STRIPPING IN CLASS? Illustrating one aspect of I.O.E., Jeff Surrat strips a wire as David Self observes. Other aspects of class included sheet metal and screen printing.





WATCH CAREFULLY — Mr. Tom Nelson shows Shane Sullivan how to prepare for the foundation of the house. Careful planning was the key to a well-built house.



KEEP IT STILL — Barry Harless surveys the house for the laying of the foundation line as Tony Sturgill makes some repair on the tripod. Students in Building Trades had to have a watchful eye on building their house.

WATCH THE THUMB — During a Wood Tech class, Gary Bowers puts the final touch on his pillow top table. Students took pride in their individual projects.

WHAT'S MY PRESSURE? Paula Booher gets her blood pressure checked by Charlotte Sipes. A blood pressure clinic was conducted by HOSA students and was open to the school.

THAT WAS'T SO BAD — Hospital worker Mrs. Becky Campbell takes blood from donor Michelle Dishner. The blood drive was very successful as numerous pints were donated.



I'M DIEING! Rob Hancock flinches at the sting of the needle. Hospital workers such as Mrs. Becky Campbell assisted with the project.



COMMUNITY

Aid in health, appearance

CURLS ARE BACK — Kathy Carroll rolls Mrs. Joseph Beach's hair to her satisfaction. Working on patrons' hair was a good way to learn how to deal with the public.



Training for cutting hair and applying make-up was just a start for cosmetology students. Making beds and taking care of patients was a new beginning in Health Occupations.

Cosmetology was not only a class but a career. Giving perms, cutting hair, giving manicures and makeovers were all a new look into the future for a career. Students spent a required 2,000 hours throughout

LET'S PARTY — Cosmetology students celebrate the Christmas holidays by exchanging presents. This was one of the fun times that they enjoyed.



the three-year period to get their license. After passing the State Board Registration and Hair Dresser exam, students were allowed to go straight to work for their chosen career.

Health Assistant II students, juniors and seniors, were allowed to go to the hospital for training for nursing. This two-year course enabled them to be certified to get a job after they graduate.

These students had to make 85 percent or better to be certified from the state. This test enabled them to become a nursing assistant, Pharmaceutical Technician or a Social Worker after more years of intense training.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Charlene Stapleton works on model Tina Gullion while participating in a local competition. Practice during classtime led to success during numerous competitions.

LOOKING GOOD — Janet Harlow, an advising member, judges a local cosmetology contest as Wendy Walden competes using Denise Stinette as her model. Such contests helped the girls perfect their skills.

MEND, REPAIR

Valuable skills for job and home

Preparation for the future ... the key for both Home Economics and Welding. Both classes, seemingly rather different, contained one common goal: to prepare individuals for their future lives.

Most people thought Home Ec was just a crip course in which individuals learn how to cook and sew. On the contrary though, the main outlook of these students was to become acquainted with child

care, home planning and decorating, as well as how to prepare well-balanced meals.

Welding ... a man's job? Not any longer. Girls have started to get interested in the welding skill. Not only did welding students learn new skills and safety, but they also made helpful repairs around the school.

Helpful skills learned in Home Economics and Welding classes prepared the stu-

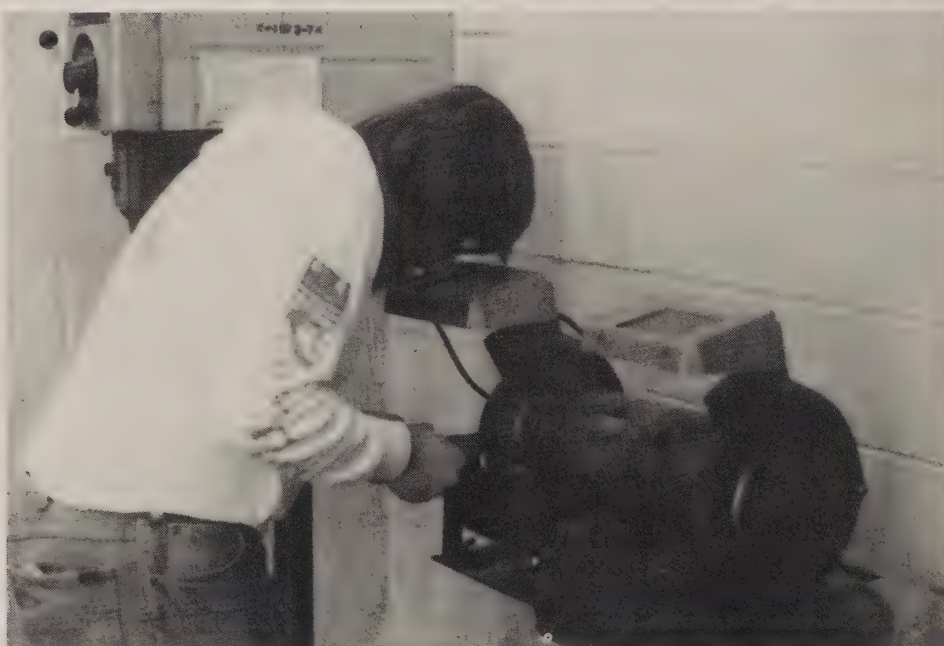
dents for their futures. Steve Mullins said he "really enjoyed welding and planned to continue a career in this very successful and well-paid occupation."

STEADY DOES IT — Welding student Darrin Maiden carefully replaces a missing part on a lawn mower deck. This was one of the many repairs made by students for the school.



WHEN THE SPARKS FLY — Bobby Price works hard to weld metal pieces together. Safety was especially needed in this task.

CAREFUL NOW — Bobby Price steadily makes a chip. This chip was used by students in the VICA competition.



HELP! Tracy Parker receives help from Home Economics teacher Mrs. Helen Coleman. Male students took family living to prepare themselves for the bachelor life.

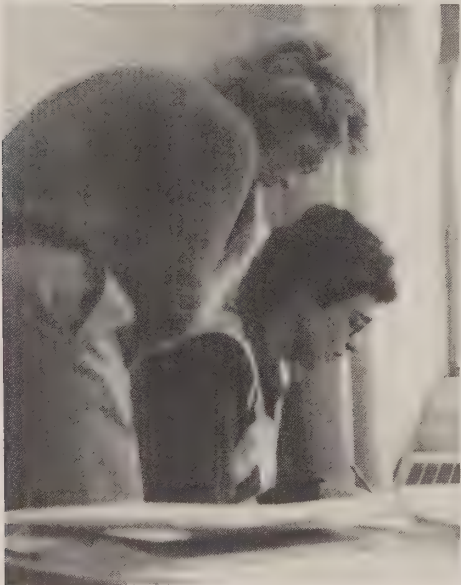
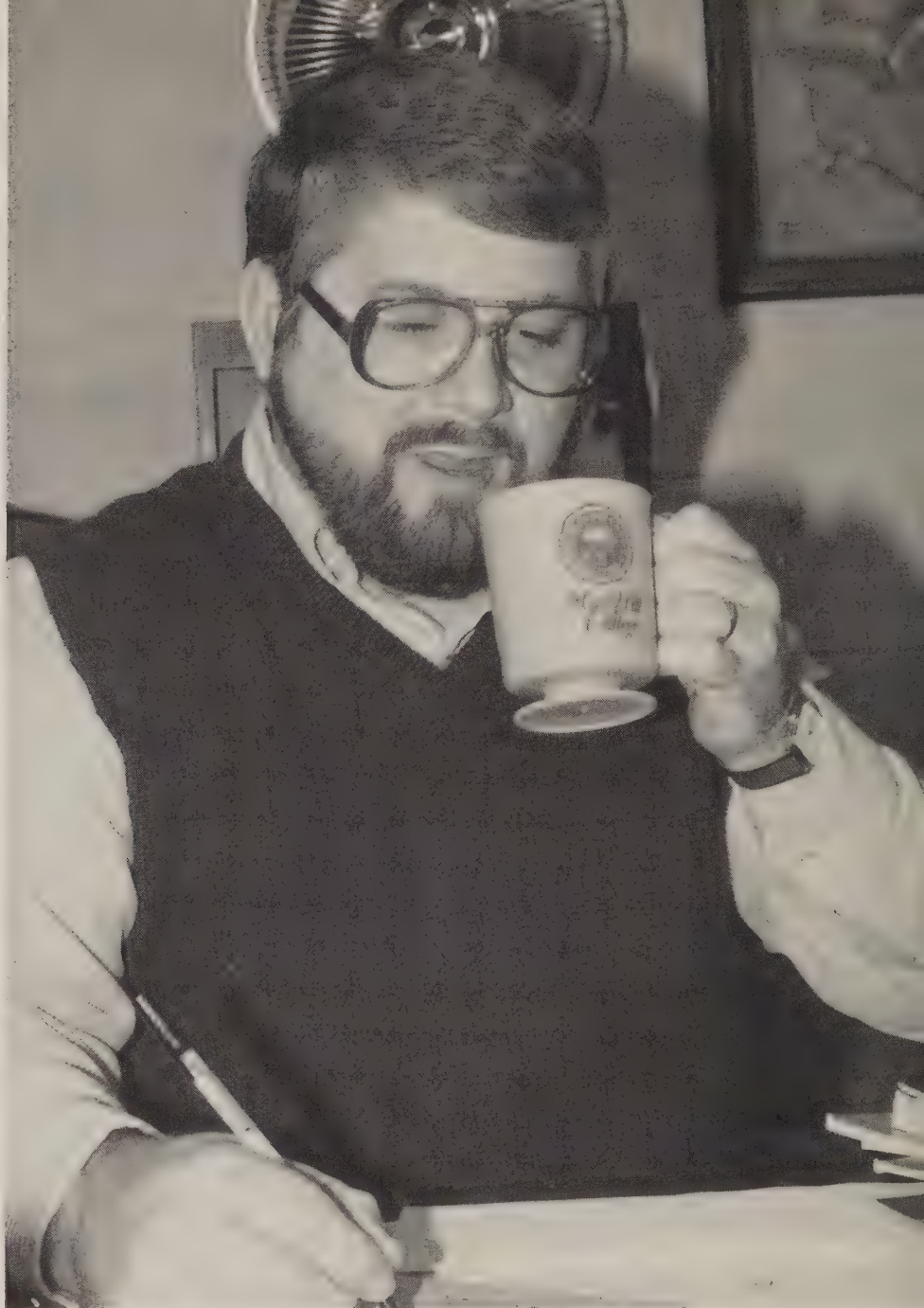


UMM GOOD! Home Economics students sit back and enjoy the homecooked refreshments they prepared for themselves. The skills they learned were designed to help them prepare for future homemaking chores.



BUSY AT WORK — Department Chairman Dr. Bobby Burchette enjoys his morning coffee amidst his paperwork. The paperwork was probably the least enjoyable part of the job.

A HELPING HAND — Secretary Marie Leonard confirms a figure for Counselor Sara Davis. Mrs. Leonard's responsibilities ranged from typing to filing.



MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS — Counselor Laura McNutt discusses college requirements with junior Tammy Bowers. Mrs. McNutt was also responsible for admissions and releases to and from school.



DIRECTION

Careers or problems

Seeing a teary face leave my office with a big smile" said Mrs. Sara Davis, "is my favorite aspect of being a guidance counselor." She and Dr. Bobby Burchette agreed that seeing students succeed and progress toward goals in life proved most rewarding.

Paperwork and not enough time with students were the only unpleasant aspects that the guidance counselors found with their job. Lifting a student up when they felt "down and out," or helping him or her look at life differently, Dr. Burchette and Mrs. Davis kept their doors open to hear students, whether concerning schedules, friends, college or personal problems.

"One of the most critical things is to solve discipline matters," Mrs. Davis added. Confidentiality enabled students to place their trust in the counselors.

New career materials to be used with the computer gave students the opportunity to come in and use the equipment at their convenience. College catalogs were kept up-to-date and applications for colleges were also available.

Dr. Burchette and Mrs. Davis were faced with a new and different challenge, explaining new state graduation requirements and diplomas to students and parents. To explain them, the counselors met with ninth, tenth and eleventh grades in-

dividually. Mrs. Laura McNutt, Burchette and Davis spent the last nine weeks scheduling students for next year's classes.

A major project for the department was sponsoring college day along with getting a computer for the department and obtaining new materials on careers and education. Technology even carried guidance into the computer age.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE — Senior Donna Stroup asks for information on Tusculum College from Ms. Martha Meyung. Representatives met with students in the catalogue room on various occasions.



MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION — Dr. Bobby Burchette assists senior Dawn Williams with her future plans. Students turned to the guidance counselors for advice concerning personal problems and college plans.



MEDIA OUTPUT

Information modem enhances classics

In George Orwell's world of Oceania in 1984, his novel delivering a dire warning for future generations, Winston Smith constantly has to deal with Big Brother and his Thought Police. Although many facets of Orwell's world, such as telescreens and computerized censorship, did not appear, progress was certainly not hindered, especially in the media center.

While providing an area of solitude for students to finish that last bit of homework or simply to read a magazine or novel, the media center also encouraged the use of

Apple computers in the classroom. The computer also increased efficiency as secretary Dee Halstead programmed student book overdues and fines into it to save time and preserve the data.

One of the main goals of the media center, the purchase of an information modem to allow connection with a large data base increased the number of references in the library. As Mr. James Barrett explained, the modem "provided access to more than eighty million references to journals, newspaper articles, papers and

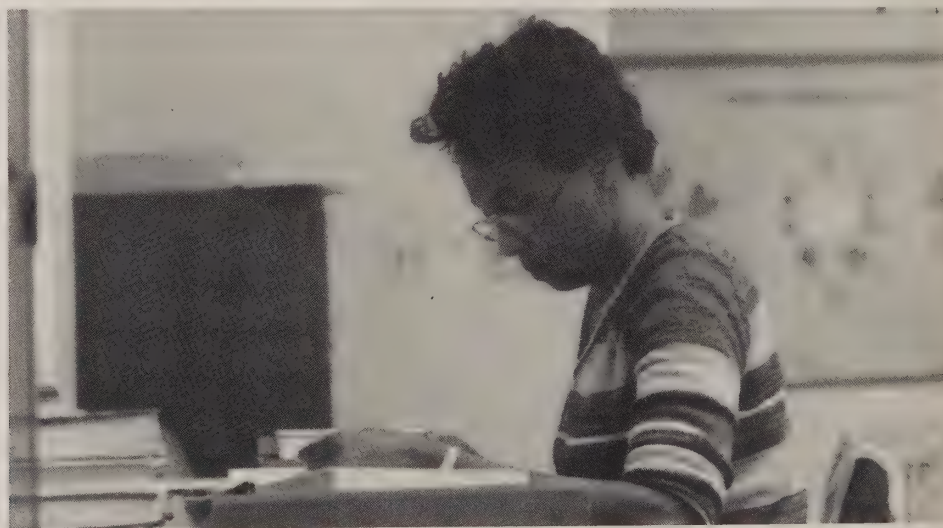
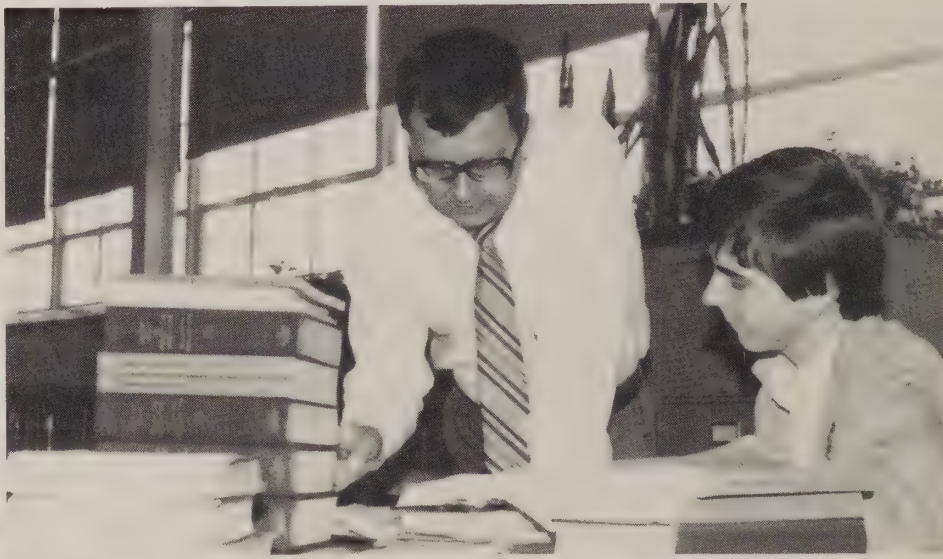
reports."

Although not up to par with the technological advancements that Orwell depicted in 1984, the progress of the media center suited the needs of the students and also added an extra dimension to their requirements; a connection to the media explosion of 1984.

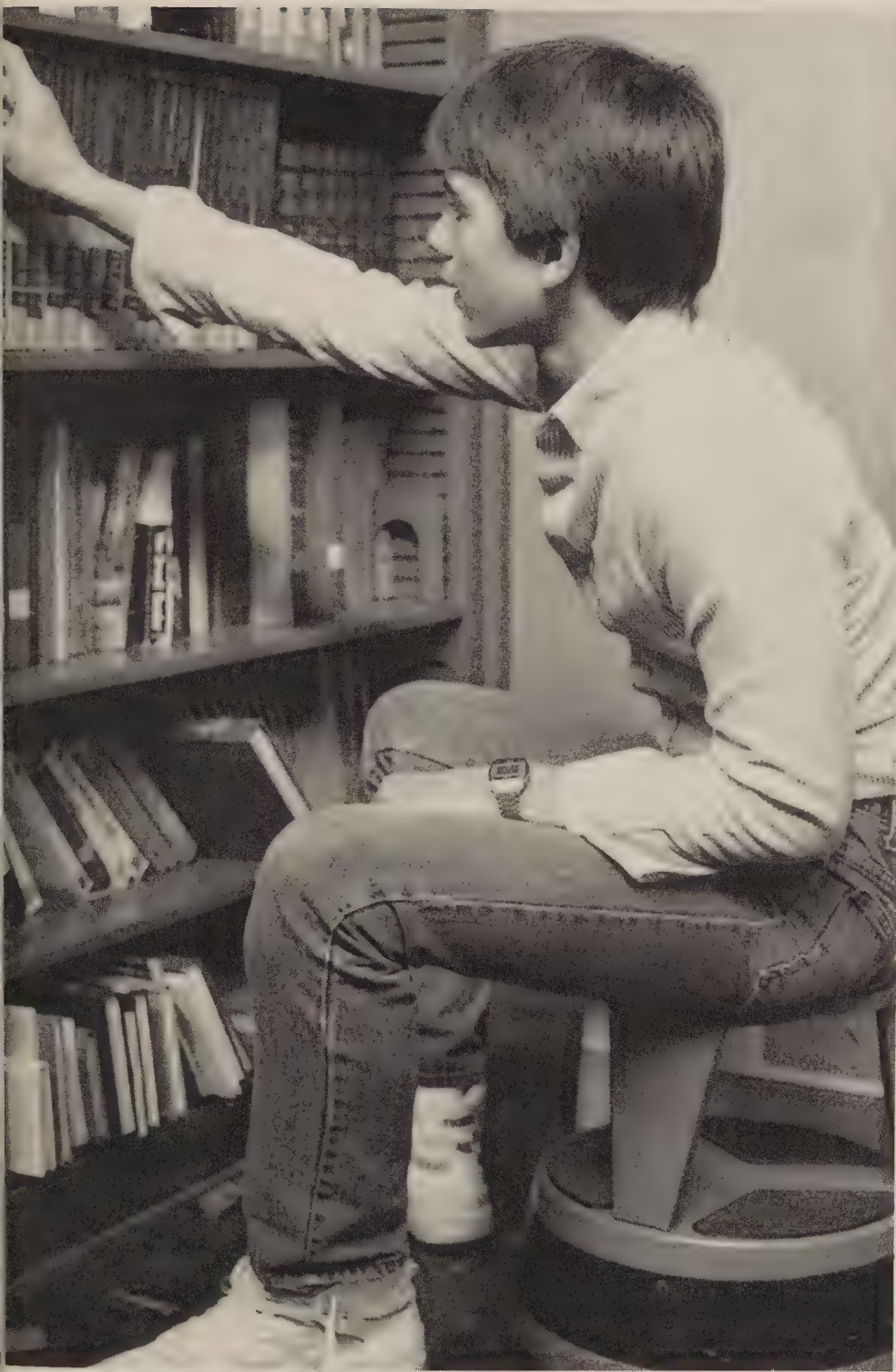
NOW LET'S SEE — Mr. James Barrett and Charlie Dye discuss a research paper. The librarians were often helpful to students in need.



HARD AT WORK — Mandi Steele takes time out of her lunch period to do a little left over homework. Most students found the library a good place to study for the following classes.

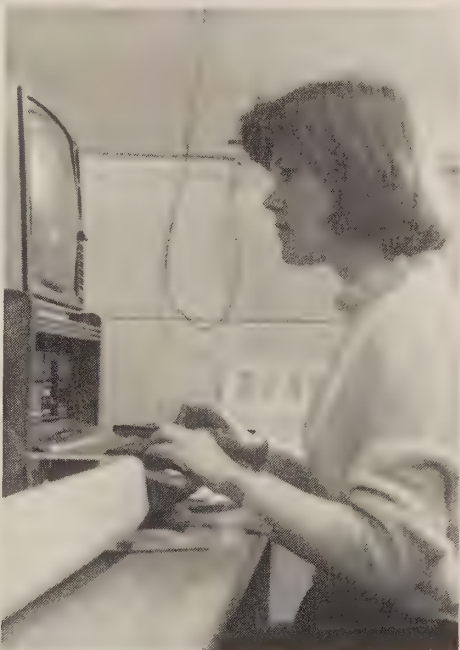
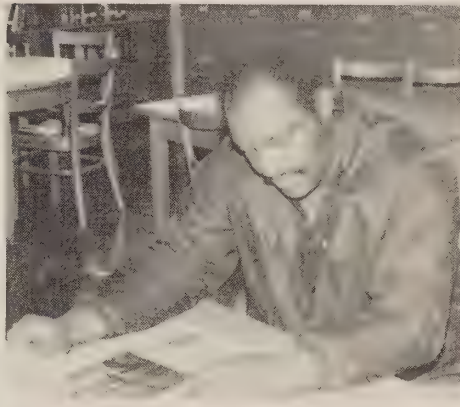


ALWAYS BUSY — Mrs. Millie Saunders keeps busy while working on fines for overdue books. Computers were often useful in determining library fines.



"I FOUND IT" — Looking for information, Phillip Chorosevic goes to the Reference Room, located in the back of the library. Numerous students relied on the Reference Room for research materials.

TAKE A BREAK — Taking time out of his busy schedule, Coach Ballard Lee rests in the library while reading the daily newspaper. Newspapers, along with magazines, were available to students and teachers for use.



AN APPLE A DAY — Mrs. Dee Halstead transfers information to the Apple Computer. Students, as well as teachers, benefitted from the availability of these computers.

LIBRARY WORKERS — Front row: Mrs. Dee Halstead, Bobby Houser, Michelle Campbell, Connie Brown, Lisa Trail and Mrs. Millie Saunders. Back row: Mr. James Barrett, Kevin Farmer, Kenneth Silcox, Norma Anderson, Kathy Carroll, Gloria Radney and Matt Shy.



Chalk one
up for
our side



ON THE ROAD AGAIN — Members of the debate team find time to tell a few jokes before leaving for a competition. Students found time to interject a little laughter to break daily monotony.

Stereotype

Students overcome 'typical' high school image

The words "high school student" seemed to have a negative connotation. Newspaper headlines and features screamed with studies concerning the extent of drug and alcohol abuse in America's high schools. Others forced the issue of the drastic rise in the percentage of violent crimes committed by school age children. Everywhere, everyone seemed to concentrate upon the negative aspects of high school students only, ignoring the numerous positive aspects.

SCA President Marmi Jordan, along with the Student-Faculty Steering Committee and Sponsor Sue Shaw, strove to finally make the proposed school sign a reality through various fund-raising techniques, and also finally received the administration's approval for a salad bar.

Kevin Jessee, senior point guard, received the honors of being named Basketball Player of the Year in Southwest Virginia as well as Southwest District and Region IV Player of the Year. Senior forward Mike Mech joined Jessee on the All-

Southwest Virginia, All-Region IV and SW District squads.

Sophomore Itsy Lowry became the second consecutive student to gain the title of Queen of Hearts in a fundraiser sponsored by the American Heart Association during the month of February. Senior Lisa Crockett claimed first runner-up honors.

Shaw's Advanced Government Class assumed the responsibilities of the Bristol City Council for "Government Day." This project illustrated youth's concern for the welfare of their city.

Students also reaped honors in various beauty and talent contests. Jordan placed in the top ten in the Virginia Junior Miss pageant in Fairfax, Virginia. Senior Tabettha Gerdes claimed the title of Miss Bristol International Raceway.

"High school student" did not necessarily have a negative connotation. Students recognized this fact and overcame many prejudices to "chalk one up for our side!"



PERFECT FIT — Sophomore Kim Pierce seemingly sprouts two more arms that have little control of crepe paper. Students never failed to participate in a little decorating — from V-T week to jazzing up bulletin boards.

The end is near!

SENIOR LEADERS — President Mitch Rector discusses Senior Class plans during a break from classes with officers Lynn Thomas, treasurer, Dana McKenna, vice-president, and Tracey Brown, secretary. Not pictured is Reporter Dawn Williams. These officers were instrumental in developing the variety of events in which the seniors participated.

It was finally here! For many seniors, the start of a new life, for others the end of the "best years of their life", but for all the start of a new and challenging year.

Several activities held throughout the year made the seniors realize that this was really it; high school was almost over. Having to decide whether to go to college and if so where, or whether to get a job or get married was a difficult decision for most.

Throughout the year, seniors realized that this would be the last time they would

take part in several activities including the Spring Festival, the Prom, the Senior Luncheon and Graduation, plus all of the dances and athletic events.

Also, the seniors had to pass the competency tests to graduate. For those going to college, the SAT's, ACT's and Achievement tests also had to be taken.

Senior Chip Harkrader commented, "I couldn't really believe I was a senior until graduation." For all, their senior year was the best. Not the end, but a new beginning!



RICHIA LEIGH AKERS: FBLA 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Concert Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2. **JAN CHRISTINE BALTHIS:** Spanish 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1; Civinettes 1; Keyettes 3, 4, Reporter 4; Art 4; Cheerleader 1, 3, 4, Captain 4. **ANGIE BAUMGARDNER:** CHARLES CORNELI BIRDWELL. **BARBARA SUE BLAYLOCK:** DECA 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; FBLA 3. **JOANNE SUE BLEVINS:** Bible Club 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2; Civinettes 2; Journalism 3, 4; Junior Achievement 2. **ROBERT LESLIE BLEVINS:** Latin Club 1, 2, 3, Reporter 3; Key Club 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4, News Editor 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4, Most Valuable Player 2, 3. **VONDA KAY BLEVINS:** FHA 1, 4, Co-Activity Director 4; FBLA 2; HOSA 3; Volleyball 3. **KIMBERLY DIANN BOWEN:** STEPHANIE HOPE BREWER: Bible Club 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Flag Corps 4; Junior

Achievement 2. **MELISSA LEIGH BROOKS:** Beta Club 3, 4, Secretary 4; Civinettes 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2, President 3, Vice-President 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3, President 4; History Club 2, Secretary 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Rifle Corps 2, 3, Co-captain 3, Pep Band 1, 2, Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Solo & Ensemble 1, All-Region Band 1, 2, 3, 4, ETSU Honors Band 3, 4, All-State Auditions 4, USAA Band Award 2; Yearbook Staff 3, 4, Associate Editor 4, Staff Photographer 4, USAA Journalism Award 3; Scorekeeper for Wrestling Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4; Wolford Scholar Recipient 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Spring Festival 4; King Fellow Scholar 3; French III Award 2; Journalism Service Award 3; World History Certificate 2; NEDT Certificate 2; Quill & Scroll 4; USAA Leadership & Service Award 3. **TRACEY RENEE BROWN:** Latin Club 2, 3; FBLA 3, 4, Secretary 3; Keyettes 3, 4; Student — Faculty Steering Committee 3; Cross

Country 1, 2, 3, All-District 1, 2, 3; All-Region 1, 2, 3; All-State 3; Basketball 4, Indoor Track 1, 2, 3, 4, All-District 1, 2, 3, 4, All-Region 1, 2, 3, 4; Outdoor Track 1, 2, 3, District 1, 2, 3, Region 2, 3, Sportsmanship Award 3; Algebra I Award 2; Class Secretary 4. **JOYCE MELISSA BROWN:** Keyettes 4; DECA 4. **BRIAN BUCHANAN:** Football 1, 2, 3, 4, All-Southwest District 3, 4, All-City 3, 4, All-Big Six 3, All-Southwest Virginia 3, 4, All-Region IV 3, 4, Best Defensive Lineman 3; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4, Southwest District Champion 2, 3, Region IV Champion 3, CHS Champion 2, 3, Greenville Champion 4, Most Pins 3, All-Southwest Virginia 2; Junior Class Vice-President 3; Drafting Class President 4. **MICHAEL ANTHONY BURNETTE:** VICA 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3. **KRISTA MAUREEN BURTON:** Drama Club 2, 4; Choir 3. **JOSEPH WILLIS BYERLY.**



Richia Akers
Joe Albany
Teri Arnold
Patty Ball
Jan Balthis



Angie Baumgardner
Charles Birdwell
Barbara Blaylock
Bobby Blevins
Sue Blevins



Vonda Blevins
Kim Bowen
Stephanie Brewer
Melissa Brooks
Joyce Brown



Tracey Brown
Brian Buchanan
Mike Burnette
Kresta Burton
Joe Byerly

AP Classes ...

"Awfully pressing"

To, Chris Icenhour AP meant "Awfully Pressing, however, it offers a challenge." Most of the students, however, remarked that they felt advanced placement classes were preparing them for college.

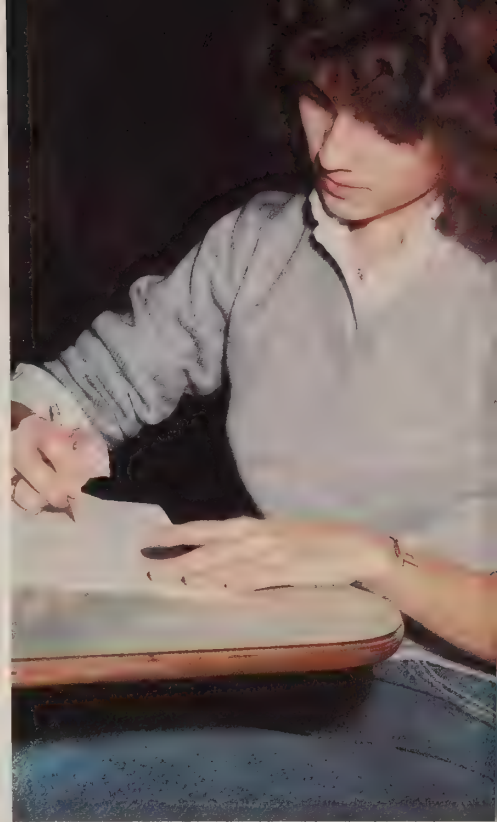
AP classes were offered in English and American Literature, Trigonometry, Advanced Algebra, Calculus, United States History, Government, Advanced Biology, Chemistry II and Physics. Five point credit was also given for fourth and fifth year foreign languages.

Most colleges and universities favored applicants with experience in AP classes because they were taught like college classes.

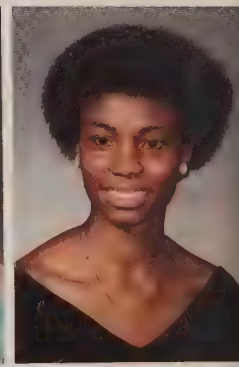
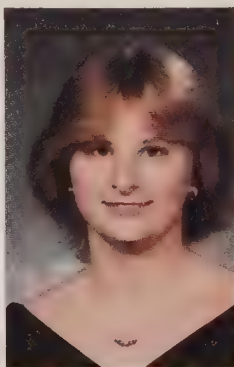
Also, through these classes, students

could take AP exams. If scores were high enough, this could exempt students from college classes. Michelle Hayter summed it up when she said, "The AP program is worthwhile and beneficial for a college education. In my opinion, AP classes are a necessity for any college-bound student, and hopefully more attention will be given to them in the future." Lisa Kiser added, "It involves a great deal of work; but more than that, it involved PATIENCE!"

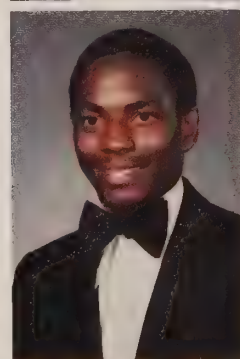
THIS IS IT!!! Exemption from final exams for seniors who had at least a B average for the second semester served as one of the most exciting privileges. Lisa Kiser and Michelle Hayter add the finishing touches to their final high school exam — Calculus.



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Kathy Carroll
Rhonda Carter



William Carter
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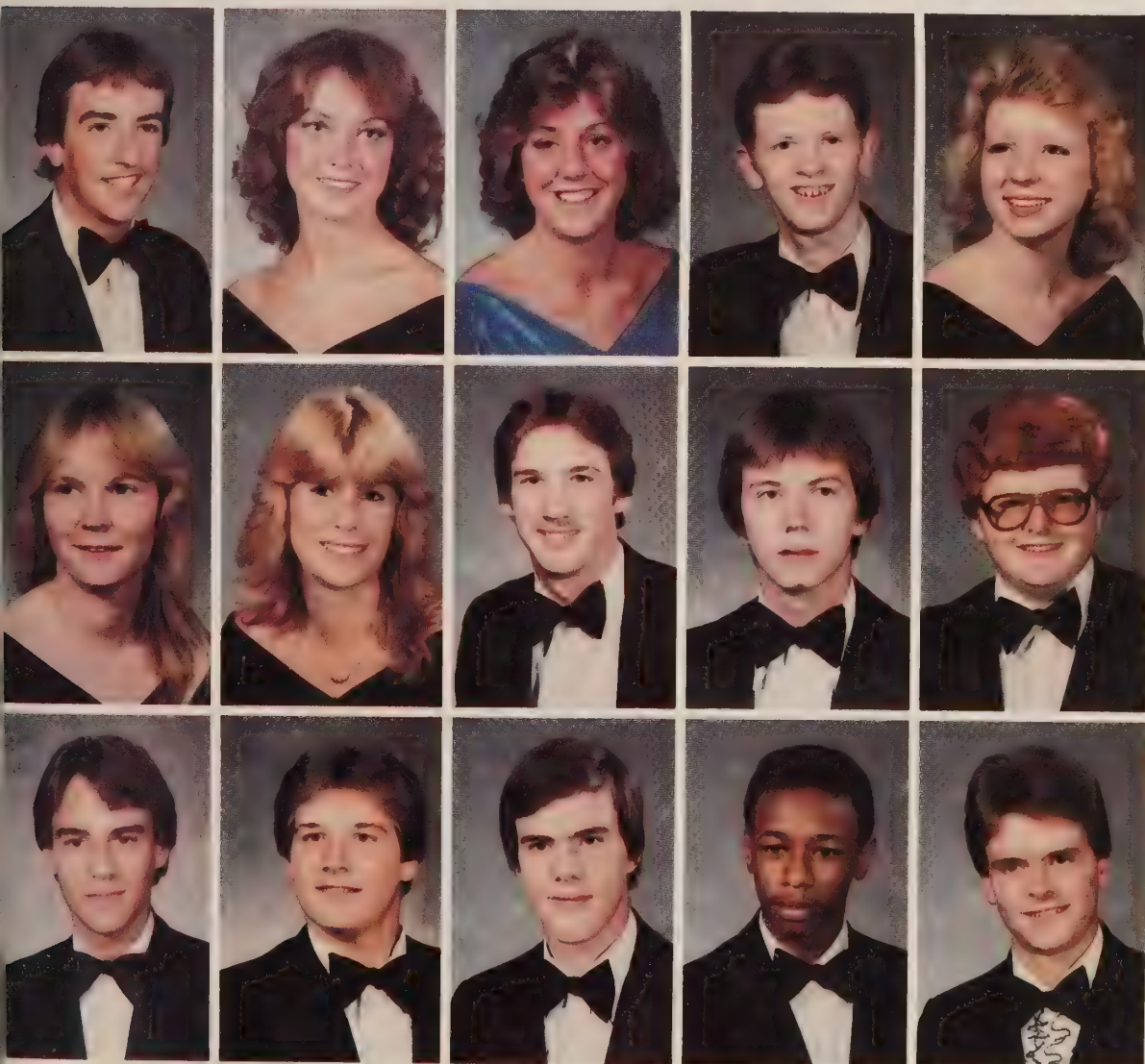
Eddie Corns
Jeff Corvin
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Rob Countiss
Roger Counts





JOHN CALVIN CAMPBELL: FBLA 3, 4; DECA 4. **ANGELA MARIA CARICO:** Art Club 4; HOSA 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 4; Latin 1, 2, 3; Choir 1; Forensics 3. **CECILIA ELAINE CARRIER:** VICA 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4. **KATHY DAWN CARROLL:** VICA 2, 3, 4, Reporter 2, District Opening Closing 2, District Cosmetology Model 3, Second Place State Cosmetology Model 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Library Club 3, 4. **RHONDA SUE CARTER.** **WILLIAM CHARLES CARTER.** **ANGELA DAWN CAUDILL:** VICA 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 3, 4. **DANNY CHAMBERS.** **JOAN MICHELLE CHOROSEVIC:** French Club 1, 2, 3, Secretary 2; Science Club 2; Pep Club 4; Keyettes 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Civinettes 3; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Quill & Scroll 4. **EDDIE GARRETT CORNS:** Industrial Arts 1; VICA 2, 3, Class Parliamentarian 3; DECA 2, 4. **JEFFREY ALLEN CORVIN.** **JONATHAN MICHAEL CORVIN:** DECA 1, 4; Spanish Club 1; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Football 1; Spring Festival 2, 3. **ROBERT COUNTISS.** **ROGER DALE COUNTS:** Beta Club 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4, Photographer 3, 4. **CHUCK HOWARD CROCKETT:** DECA 4, Alternate Vice-President 4; President of DECA Christmas Project. **LISA KING CROCKETT:** Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, Treasurer 4; History Club 3; Keyettes 3, 4, President 4; Beta Club 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Tennis 1,

2, 3; Varsity Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Student Faculty Steering Committee 1, 3, 4. **CYNTHIA LEE CROSS:** French Club 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 3; Civinettes 1; Keyettes 3; Drama Club 1; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3. **CURTIS RAY CROSS:** VICA 3, 4, Secretary; Choir 2. **PAMELA CRUSENBERRY:** History Club 1; Choir 1, 2, President of Training Choir 1; Concert Choir 2; Class President 1, 2. **TAMARA LEIGH CURTIS:** French Club 3; Concert Choir 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, All-Region Choir 1; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4, Sportsmanship Award 1, 2, Defensive Player of the Year 2. **KIM MICHELLE DAKIN:** Civinettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 4; DECA 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Spring Festival 3. **ANDREW DANNHARDT:** VICA 2, 3, 4; DECA 3; Swim Team 1, 2, 3, 4. **DENNIS LEON DAVIDSON:** Vica 3, 4; Parliamentarian. **TERRY PAUL DAVIS:** DECA 2; VICA 1; French Club 1, 2. **CARL DREGER JR.:** Industrial Arts Club 1; VICA 2, 3, 4, First Place Poster Contest; Football 4. **STEVEN FRANKLIN DUCKETT:** Industrial Arts Club 1, 2; VICA 3, 4; Golf 2, 3, 4. **DAVID ALLEN DUFF:** Industrial Arts Club 1; VICA 2, 3, 4. **JOEY GREGORY DUTTON:** French Club 2, 3, 4; Art Club 4, Reporter; Tennis 2, 3, 4.



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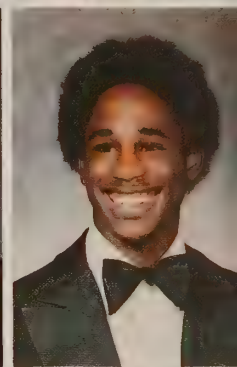
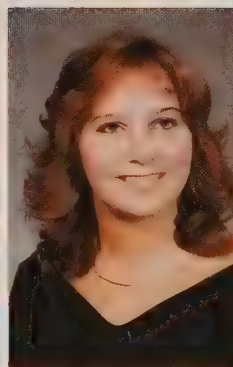
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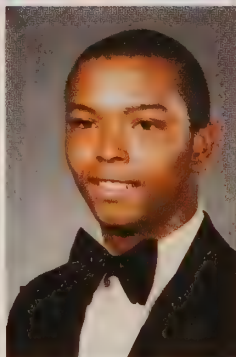
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Gerald Franklin
Pam Fuller
Tabetha Gerdes



Tim Gibson
Dwayne Giles
Rick Gilliam
Regina Gobble
Don Grady
Tammy Grant
Mark Groves



Another day ...

Another test

SAT is to senior year as:

- a) Happiness is to bliss
- b) Joy is to fruition
- c) Mirth is to diversion
- d) Depression is to otherwise enjoyable

Obviously, the answer to this question was 'd'. The Scholastic Aptitude Test could ruin an otherwise fun and enjoyable senior year, as could the Achievement Tests. These seemingly innocent tests had strange and long-reaching effects on a variety of seniors.

Several students complained that the SAT had too much bearing on their college careers. Michelle Hayter exclaimed, "I don't think that a single test that can't

possibly measure intelligence should have so much emphasis placed upon it by colleges."

Other students echoed these sentiments concerning another requirement — Achievement Tests. April Spangler asserted, "Since the English Achievement with the essay is only given in December, one bad day can adversely affect your college placement."

Despite the complaints, one fact remained — colleges continued to use the SAT's and Achievements as means of determining both acceptance and placement — thus, the depression and agony persisted.



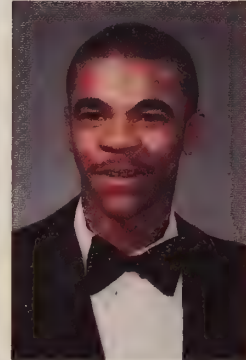
"THE TIME IS NOW" — Kevin Jessee leafs through the College Board's booklet, "Taking the SAT", in preparation for his test. Jessee scored 1280 and planned to attend Virginia Polytechnical Institute in the fall.

TAMMY LOU DUTTON: Bible Club 1; FBLA 3, 4; VICA 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4. **PATRICIA LYNN DYE:** VICA 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2. **ANGELA MARIE EADES. REGINA RENE ELLER:** VICA 2, 3, 4, Secretary. **TIMOTHY DUANE FAULKNER:** Beta Club 3, 4, President 4; Science Club 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 2, President 3; Yearbook Staff 3, 4, Editor-In-Chief 4; Quill & Scroll 4; Student-Faculty Steering Committee 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 3; Governor's School for the Gifted 3; Three Days in March 3; Boys' State 3; Spring Festival 1, 2, 3, 4, Top Ten 2, 3, Fourth runner-up 2; USAA Journalism Award 3; NEDT Award 2; French Award 1, 3; Chemistry I Award 2; Life Science Award 1; English Award 1, 2; Algebra II Award 2; Honor Roll 3, 4; USAA Chemistry Merit Award 4. **TAMARA GAYLE FERGUSON:** DECA 3, 4; Spanish Club 1. **LESLIE FISHER. RICHARD JOHN FISHER II:** Beta Club 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Golf 3, 4; Football 1. **KELLY JEAN FOSTER. LISA MARINA FRA-**

LEY: French Club 1, 2; Art Club 1; Civinettes 1, 2, 3; Keyettes 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 2, 3, 4, Associate Editor 3; Quill & Scroll 3, 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; History Essay Award 3. **HENRY MICHAEL FRANCISCO:** Key Club 3; Newspaper Staff 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4. **GERALD FRANKLIN. PAMELA DAWN FULLER. TABETHA MONIQUE GERDES:** Spanish 2, 3; History Club 1, 3, 4, Treasurer 1, Secretary 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FBLA 4; Art Club 4, Class Representative, First Place PTA Art Contest; Civinettes 1, 2; Keyettes 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Spring Festival 1, 2, 3, Queen 1, Second runner-up 3; Homecoming Queen 4. **TIMOTHY MARK GIBSON:** VICA 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 3; Second Place in District Printing Contest. **WAYNE FITZIMMONS GILES. RICKY GILLIAM. REGINA JOYCE GOBBLE. DON GRADY. TAMMY BERNICE GRANT:** HOSA 2, Historian; HOSA Secretary 3. **MARK EUGENE GROVES:** VICA 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Football 1.



FAST CASH — Several seniors found that automatic banking was a convenient source of quick cash — if one was lucky enough to have a card. Tracy Parker uses his card to get cash at the Dominion System, one of several "anytime bankers" in Bristol.



ANTHONY RAY HALL. **ROBBIE FORSTER**. **HAMILTON**: VICA 4. **TREVOR WAYNE HAMILTON**: French Club 1, 2; Jr. Civitan 2, 3, 4, President 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Chaplain 4. **ROBERT MARTIN HANCOCK**: VICA 3, 4; Latin Club 2. **SANDRA TAYLOR HARDING**: History Club 1; Spanish 2, 4, Vice-President 3; Junior Varsity Basketball 1; Choir 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 2. **HAL HAYNES HARKRADER III**. **BARRY SHAWN HARLESS**: VICA 3, 4. **LORRE ANN HAWKINS**: French Club 2, 3; FBLA 3, 4; Keyettes 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Pep Club 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Quill & Scroll 4; Spring Festival 2; Class Treasurer 1. **MICHELLE LISA HAYTER**: French Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Science Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4, Treasurer 3; Beta 3, 4; King Fellow 3. **KEITH ANTHONY HERNANDON**: VICA 3, 4; Football 1. **SHERREE TRACY HILL**: VICA 2; FBLA 3, 4; Concert Choir 3; Chorale 4; Training Choir 1, All-Region Choir 1, 3, 4. **MELISSA KAY HILLIARD**: HOSA 3, 4; FHA. **JOSEPH MICHAEL HOLLANDER**. **HELENA**

ANNA HOLMQUIST: Keyettes 4; Volleyball 4. **RANDALL HOLT**. **SPENCER HORTON**: Training Choir 1, Concert Choir 2, 3; Basketball 1, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4. **JEFF HUBBARD**. **STEVEN MICHAEL HUBER**. **ALLEN KNOX HUGHES**: Choir 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1. **CYNTHIA DENISE HUTCHENS**: HOSA 2, 3, 4; Parliamentarian, President; History Club 2; Pep Club 3, 4; Keyettes 4; Civinettes 3; FBLA 1, 2, 3. **ANTHONY JAY ICENHOUR**: Beta Club 3, 4; Bible Club 1, 2; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4, President 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Baseball 2; Indoor Track 2; Training Choir 1, Chorale 2, 3, 4; Spring Festival 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 3, 4. **JAMES CHRISTOPHER ICENHOUR**: Beta Club 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; All Big Six 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Indoor Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Training Choir 1, Chorale 2, 3, 4, All Regional Choir 2, 3, 4; Spring Festival 2, 3; Student-Faculty Steering Committee 4; Honor Roll 3, 4.

It's up to you!



Most people thought of Bristol as a pretty boring place! But with a little imagination, there was always something to do.

During football and basketball season, there would always be people at the Pizza Hut, and several dances were held throughout the year to provide entertainment for the students. Senior Lisa Crockett commented, "Looking forward to Friday and Saturday night made the rest of

the week seem like an eternity."

On the weekends when there was not a sporting event, students could always be found at the Mall gathered around the stairs just talking, down in the Gold Mine playing their favorite arcade game or going to the movies. However, there were other possibilities, too. Students went bowling, skating, playing put-putt or just cruisin' around town.

Parties, however, were probably the biggest crowd gatherer. Senior Bobby Blevins said, "Parties give you a good chance to unwind with friends after a long week." Students could meet with friends and just talk or be with their favorite guy/girl. However, with a little imagination and a taste of adventure, there was always something to do.

WATCH THAT FASTBREAK — This crowd of Bearcat supporters display some intent — and some not so intent — observers at the basketball game against Lebanon. Basketball games and other sports attractions were several activities that students looked forward to during the week.



Mike Little
Greg Loggins
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Lisa Long
George Lowry

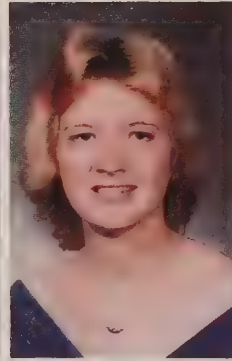
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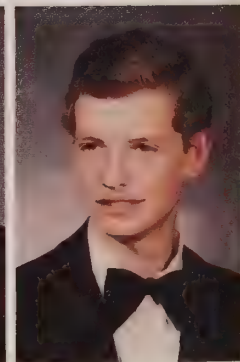
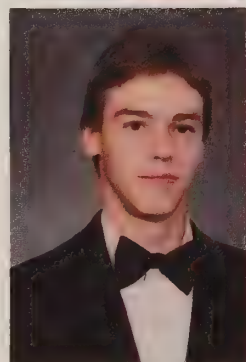
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Mark Powers
Angie Price



Jim Pruner
Gary Pullon
Angie Rash
Mitch Rector
Randy Reese
Tammy Richards
Norman Roberts



RICHARD EUGENE MINNICK: Art Club 1, 2; Spanish 2, 3; History Club 1, 4; FBLA 4; Wrestling 4; Football 3; Baseball 2, 3. **ALBERT WAYNE MOORE II:** French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2, 3, 4; Beta 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Solo & Ensemble Division I 1, 2, All-Region Band 3; Wofford Scholar 4; Acceptance, to King Fellow 3. **ROBIN CAROL MOORE. PETER MORENINGS. OWEN MORRISON:** Beta Club 3, 4; DECA 4. **ANGELA MULLINS. WENDY CARMELLA MULLINS:** French Club 1; FBLA 3, 4. **CHARLES LEE MUMPOWER:** Industrial Arts Club 1; Spanish Club 2; FBLA 4; Diving 2. **KEELIE OAR:** French Club 1, 2; Drama Club 1; Pep Club 1, 2; Keyettes 3, 4; Tennis 1; Cheerleader 1, 3, 4, Junior Varsity 1, Varsity 3, 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Class President 1; Class Vice-President 2; Class Secretary 3. **WIL-**

LIAM WAYNE ODUM II. ANGELA MICHELLE OWENS: LA 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Flag Corps 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 4, Symphonic 2, 3, 4; Stenography I Award 3. **TRACY ALAN PARKER. THOMAS JESSEE PARKS. DANNY WAYNE PAYNE. LAURA LEA PERKINS:** VICA 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, Junior Varsity 1, Varsity 2; Varsity Track 1, 2, Varsity Indoor Track 1, 2. **MITZI ROACHELLE PERRY:** Drama Club 1; FBLA 3, 4; Track 1, 2, Indoor Track 1, 2, Cross Country 2. **TAMARA JO PETERS. STEVE ALAN POPE:** French Club 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 3. **DONNA LYNN POSTON:** Latin Club 1; Spanish Club 2; Civinettes 3, Reporter; Newspaper Staff 3; Yearbook Staff 4; Tennis 1. **MARK POWERS. ANGELA DAWN PRICE. JAMES HOWARD PRUNER:** Drama Club 1;

VICA 2; FBLA 4, President; Yearbook Staff 3; Swim Team 1; Basketball 2, 3; Tennis 3, 4. **GARY PULLON. ANGIE RASH. HARVEY MITCHELL RECTOR III:** Key Club 3, 4; FBLA 3; SCA 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Indoor Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Most Outstanding Runner 2, 3, 4; Power Club 1, 2; Class President 3, 4. **EDWARD RANDY REESE. TAMMY LYNN RICHARDS:** French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Bible Club 1; Yearbook Staff 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Flag Corps 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 3, Captain 4; Tennis 1; Track 2; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Spring Festival 3; King Fellow Scholar 3; Class Secretary 2; Typing I Award 2; Solo & Ensemble Division I 1, 2; Honor Roll 3, 4. **NORMAN GENE ROBERTS II:** LA 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Bible Club 3; Band 1, 2; Model Executive Government Conference 3.

Life after high school . . .

Variety of goals

Atending college, getting a job, joining the armed forces, or even getting married — Yes, Virginia, there was life after high school. Two main decisions faced the seniors — those that affected the near future and those that consisted of long-range goals.

One of the main goals upon graduation consisted of a trip to the beach, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in particular. Tony Icenhour commented, "I plan to leave at about 2 a.m. following graduation and stay for a week to unwind."

A major goal of several seniors consist-

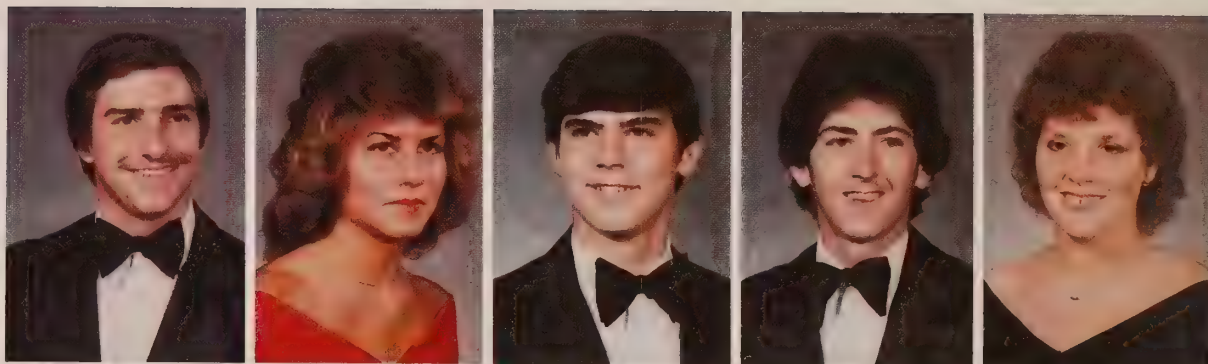
ed of attending college and planning a field of study, as was the case of a future Cavalier at the University of Virginia, Lisa Crockett, and a future Hokie at Virginia Tech, Lisa Kiser. Crockett planned to take courses in business with a minor in Italian, in order to "work in my father's business and travel in Italy after graduation." Kiser "plans to major in physical therapy with hopes of later attending the Medical College of Virginia."

Career goals, both near and far-reaching, illustrated a well-known theory — high school students were diversified.



"HERE COMES THE BRIDE" Lynn Thomas searches for the perfect wedding gown (gown courtesy of Bridal Boutique). While other seniors planned vacations and college careers, Thomas planned her wedding.

William Roberts
Lisa Robinette
Todd Rush
Randy Rutledge
Teresa Salyer



Angie Scott
Mike Sexton
Brad Shutes
Todd Shy
Kenneth Silcox



Ted Sisk
Tina Skeens
Guy Slagle
Tim Slagle
Ken Smith



Seniors . . .

Privileged people

What was different about being a senior? Besides being highly respected by teachers and underclassmen, seniors possessed certain privileges (three to be exact). The most highly favored privilege was being "first" for everything. Seniors were "first" to go to lunch, "first" to leave from pep rallies and "first" to return to class.

At lunch, only seniors were allowed to sit on the senior stage (where the sun highlighted lunch). A senior could look forward to being exempt from second semester exams if maintaining a B average.

Exemptions from exams permitted some seniors to be released from school three days earlier than underclassmen.

Former senior classes had enjoyed soft drinks in the senior lounge, a jukebox on senior stage and getting out of school six days early. Several seniors, however, still felt privileged. Chip Harkrader and Joey Dutton were just "relieved to finally graduate." Senior Class President Mitch Rector enjoyed "proudly walking out of class to go to lunch." He concluded with the question, "What more could we ask for?"

THE GANG'S ALL HERE — The senior stage gave students an opportunity to get together without interruptions from underclassmen.

Seniors Mark Wilson, Tim Faulkner, Tony Icenhour and April Spangler took time at lunch to talk about their future plans.





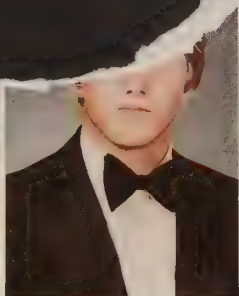
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Stephen Sonner
April Spangler
Gina Spence
Charlene Stapleton



David Statzer
Kevin Statzer
Walter Statzer
William Statzer
Donna Stroup



Patty Talbert
Joe Taylor
Joey Tester
Kim Tester
Randall Tester



WILLIAM AARON ROBERTS: Beta Club 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, All-Region 1, 2, 3, 4, Stage Band 1, 2, Honors Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4, Chorale 2, 3, 4, All Region 1, 2, 3, 4, All State 3, 4. **LISA KAREN ROBINETTE.** **TODD BRYANT RUSH.** **RANDALL WAYNE RUTLEDGE:** VICA 2, 3, 4. **TERESA ANN SALYER.** **ANGELA DAWN SCOTT:** Civinettes 1; Spanish 2, 3, President 3; Pep Club 2, 4; Keyettes 3, 4, Secretary 4; Beta 3, 4; FBLA 4; Newspaper Staff 3; Spring Festival 3; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Spanish I Award 2; Class Secretary 1. **FRED MICHAEL SEXTON JR.:** French Club 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, All-Region 1, 4, Concert Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Symphonic Band 2, 3, 4, Uniform Chairman 4; Stage Band 1, 2, Solo & Ensemble 1, ETSU Honors Band 4, Jazz Band 1; Choir 4, All-Region; Spring Festival 2; Language Day 3; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Quill & Scroll 4. **BRAD SHUTES.** **EDWARD TODD SHY:** Spanish Club 2; National Honor Society 3, 4, Vice President 4; Quill & Scroll 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4, Editor 4; Steering Committee 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 1; Spanish I, II, III, IV Awards; A.P. English Award 3; A.P. History Award 3; Advanced Algebra Award 3; Governor's School 3; Boys' State alternate 3; Honor Roll 3, 4; USAA Journalism Award 3. **KENNETH RUSSELL SILCOX.** **TED HUGH SISK.** **BETTINA MARIE SKEENS.** **GUY ALLEN SLAGLE.** **TIM SLAGLE.** **KENNETH AARON SMITH.** **THOMAS ARTHUR SMITH:** VICA 2, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 2, Treasurer 3, President 4, Student of the Year 4; History Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1; Industrial Arts Club 2; Junior Achievement 2, Vice President of Production; Spring Festi-

val 2; Mechanical Drawing Award 2; Parliamentary Procedure Team 2, 3, Treasurer; Opening and Closing Team 4, President. **STEPHEN LEE SONNER:** Science Club 2; Industrial Arts Club 1; VICA 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 2. **APRIL KAREN SPANGLER:** French Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Science Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Bible Club 1; Civinettes 1; Track 2, Junior Varsity; Newspaper Staff 2, 3, Business Manager 3; Quill & Scroll; King Fellow 3; Forensics Region IV Spelling Second Place. **GINA MONIQUE SPENCE:** DECA 4, Reporter; HOSA 3, Reporter; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 1, 2; Civinettes 2, 3; Drama Club 3; Bible Club 1. **MISTY SPENCE.** **CHARLENE FONDA STAPLETON:** VICA 2, 3, 4. **KEVIN WAYNE STATZER:** VICA 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 1, 2; FBLA 2; Track 1. **DAVID WILLIAM STATZER:** Football 1, 3; Basketball 1, 3; Baseball Manager. **WALTER LUKE STATZER:** Bible 1, 2, 3, Treasurer; Art Club 1, 2, 4; VICA 2, 3. **WILLIAM LEE STATZER:** Bible Club 1, 2, 3, Vice-President 2, 3; Art Club 4; Drama Club 4; Second Place Regional Data Processing Competition; Date Processing Award. **DONNA PATRICIA STROUP:** Drama Club 2, Second Place Voice of Democracy Contest; FBLA 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 2, 3, 4, Organizations Editor 3, Business Manager 4; Plays 3, 4. **PATRICIA ANN TALBERT.** **FREDDIE JOE TAYLOR:** Football 2, 3, 4, All City Team; Baseball 2; Track 2, 3, 4. **JOSEPH EDWARD TESTER:** VICA 3, 4; Art Club 1, 2. **KIMBERLY DAWN TESTER:** History Club 1, 2; Pep Club 1; FBLA 3. **RANDALL TESTER:** VICA 3, 4; Wrestling 2, 3.

Choosing a college . . .

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Trying to choose a college was always an easy decision. . . . were several factors to consider when trying to pick that best college. . . . student had individual concerns that wanted met.

Different concerns included the requirements needed to get in, the distance from home, the school's reputation, the courses offered, financial aid available and the way these related with future goals.

While searching for the "perfect" college, it was not unusual for seniors to seek the assistance of the Guidance Department. In September, the Guidance Department sponsored College Day. This provided a valuable service to the seniors,

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one hoped that he made the decision.



LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL? An added dimension to the senior year resulted in deciding on that "perfect" college. Seniors Joe Byerly and Richia Akers browse through the various catalogues in the guidance catalogue room in hopes of discovering a suitable school.



Kim Thomas
Lynn Thomas
Natalie Thomas
Chip Thompson
Richard Thompson
Lisa Trail
Tabetha Vaughn

Susan Waddell
Donald Ward
Jimmy Webb
Donna White
Lawrence White
Brian Widener
Dawn Williams

Judy Williams
Lisa Williams
Beth Willis
Mark Wilson
Debbie Worley
Kevin Worley
Donna Wreen

Mike Wright
Rocky Wright
Sherry Wright
Scotty Yates
Karen Yon
Kathy Yon
Oran Zaebst

DIANE THOMAS. NATALIE GAY THOMAS: French Club 1, 2; Pep Club 2, 3; Keyettes 4; FBLA 3; Civinettes 2; Yearbook 2, 3, Copy Editor 3. **ORA LYNN THOMAS:** French Club 1, 2; VICA 3, 4, President 3, 4; Science Club 2; History 1, 2; SCA Treasurer 3, SCA Secretary 4; ICC President 4; Steering Committee 3, 4; Spring Festival 2; Homecoming Queen Second Runner-up; Class Treasurer 4; Honor Roll 3; Printer of Year 3. **JOHN HOWARD THOMPSON:** Key Club 3; Newspaper 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, All Big Six 3; Track 2; Indoor Track 4; Spring Festival 3. **RICHARD LEE THOMPSON:** Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Symphonic 1, 2, 3, 4, Concert 1, 2, 3; Golf 1, 2. **KENNETH TOWNLEY. LISA MARIE TRAIL:** VICA 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2; Von District Opening and Closing 2; Library Club 3. **REGINA KAREN VAN DYKE. TABETHA VUNE VAUGHN:** FBLA 3; DECA 4; Honor Roll 3. **SUSAN MARIE WADDELL:** Civinettes 1; French

Club 2, 3; Bible Club 2; FBLA 3; Yearbook Staff 3; Swim Team 1, 2. **WILLIAM FRANK WALDEN. DONALD FRANCIS WARD:** VICA 4; Football 3. **JAMES TIMOTHY WEBB. DONNA SUE WHITE:** Spanish Club 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, All-Regional Choir 3, 4, Chorale 4. **LAWRENCE OLIVER WHITE:** Drama Club 2, 3, 4, Vice-President; Thespians 3, 4, Vice-President; Football 1; Track 2, 3. **BRIAN KEITH WIDENER:** Drama Club 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Track 4; Indoor Track 4. **LISA WILLIAMS, DIANNA DAWN WILLIAMS:** Civinettes 1; Keyettes 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Uniform Chairman 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4, All-Region Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Festival 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 3; Class Reporter 4. **JUDY KAY WILLIAMS:** FBLA 3, 4; DECA 2, 3, 4; HOSA 2. **MARIAN WILLIAMS:** Latin Club 1, 2, 4; FBLA 3. **ELIZABETH ALISON WILLIS:** Bible Club 1; Spanish Club 2; Secretary; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Flag Corps 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4,

President 1, Librarian 4, All-Region 1; Spring Festival 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 3. **JOHN MARK WILSON:** Latin Club 1, 2, 3. **DEBORA DARLENE WORLEY:** DECA 3; HOSA 2; VICA 4. **KEVIN WEBSTER WORLEY:** VICA 1, 2, 3, 4; Swim Team 2, 3, 4, Kiwanis Sportsmanship Award; Honor Roll 3, 4, Rotary Honor Roll Award. **DONNA WREEN:** Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 4. **JAMES MICHAEL WRIGHT. ROCKY ALLEN WRIGHT. SHERRY RENEE WRIGHT:** Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Keyettes 4; Pep Club 4; Civinettes 2; FBLA 4; HOSA 2. **SCOTT MORRISON YATES. KAREN MARIE YON:** Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Beta Club 3, 4; FBLA 4; Keyettes 4. **KATHY DIANE YON:** Latin Club 2, 3, 4; Beta 3, 4; FBLA 4, Treasurer; Keyettes 4; Basketball 1, 3, 4, Miss Hustle. **EDWARD ORAN ZAEBSST:** VICA 3, 4.



HIGH RIDERS — On their way to another victory, the Bearcats listen to the advice of Coach Ballard Lee. The Varsity team, which consisted of nine seniors, experienced its most successful season under the reign of Coach Lee.

IT'S A HARD LIFE — As part of "Youth In Government Day", Miss Sue Shaw's A.P. Government class toured all of the jail, inside and out. This program allowed the students to participate in and run the city government for a day, better acquainting them with the legal procedure.



WHAT COLLEGES HAVE YOU APPLIED TO? Mrs. Sara Davis reviews the SAT form with Brian Buchanan and Tammy Curtis. Taking the achievement tests took hours of studying and played a major role in applying to colleges.

"ISN'T HE LOVELY?" Tabetha Gerdes escorts 'Bearcat Beauty' Tyson Kress. The V-T "Queen" competition was only open to senior guys and provided a laugh for everyone.



Reflections . . .

Past to present

Memory: 1 — the power or process of recalling what has been learned and retained. 2 — commemorative remembrance. 3 — *something remembered*. 4 — a part in an electronic computing machine into which information can be inserted and extracted when needed.

Everyone has his own special memories, including the class of '84. Some of these were shared by the entire class and some were special to only one or two people.

The prom was among those memories that were predominant in the minds of seniors. Joey Dutton and Chuck Crockett summed up these feelings, "I would say that the prom was one of the most memorable events of high school. It was a very exciting time." Other special reminiscences included winning the state baseball championship in '83 for Ricky Fisher, breaking the high jump record in his very first track meet for Spencer Horton, and winning the Southwest District Title in basketball for Mike Mech and Kevin Jessee.

Friends seemed to be the most important aspect of school followed closely by sports. This opinion was shared by Becky

Lee, Craig Kilby and Kathy Yon. Brad Shutes put it this way, "Friends sometimes teach a person more than a class ever could — respect, appreciation and even love."

As graduation approached, seniors had mixed emotions. Natalie Thomas was sad because she would probably never see some of her friends again, while Charlene Stapleton was thrilled because she could work full time. Other students were uncertain about the future.

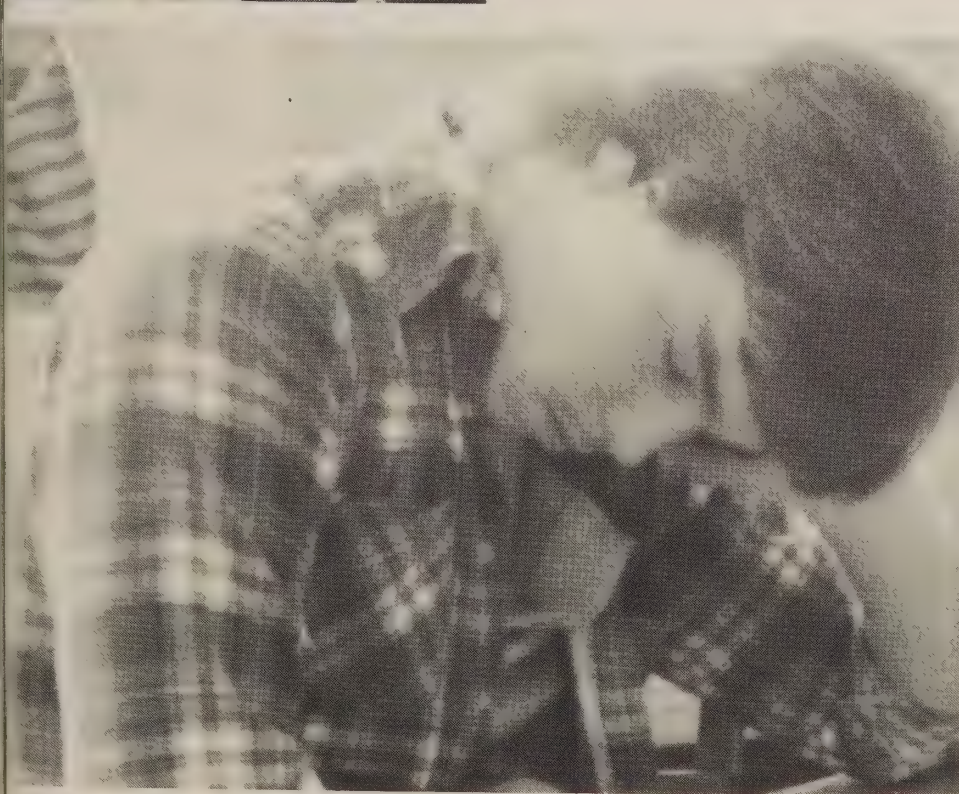
Students accomplished quite a bit during their high school careers. Kelly Foster said, "I have really gone far in my business classes in the Vocational Department. My stepmother was an additional inspiration to me." Other students felt a sense of accomplishment through sports, drama, choir and band; not to mention classes.

The senior year was more special for the Class of '84 for a variety of reasons including the fact that it was their last year. Valerie Matthews said that participating in the Spring Festival and working part time made her year better. Kim Salyer summarized her feelings by saying "I realized that any goals I had set for myself had to be achieved in this my final year.

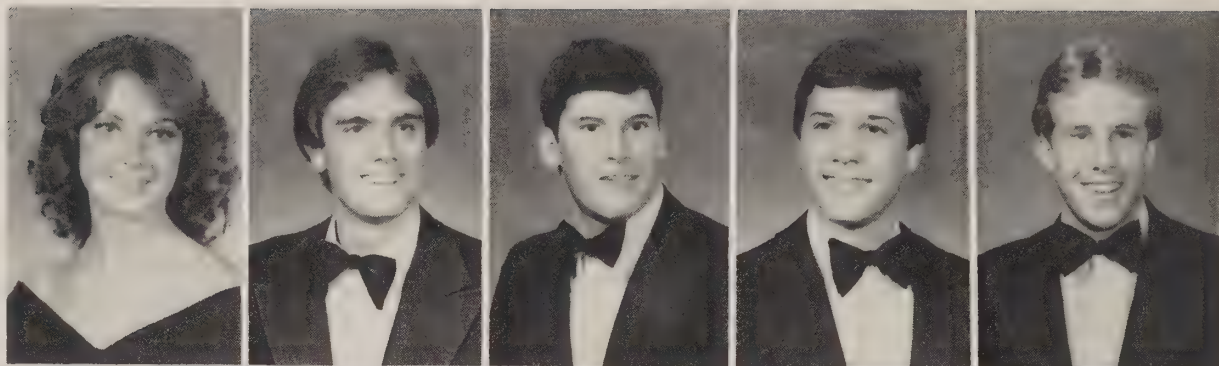


DO YOU UNDERSTAND? Miss Sue Shaw goes over the procedure for crowning the Homecoming Queen. Homecoming was sponsored by SCA and only senior girls could be candidates.

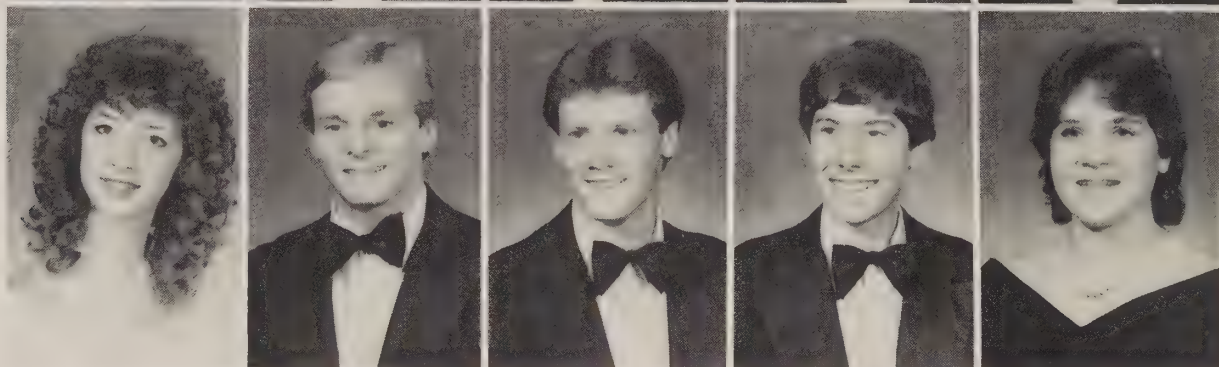
SWEET DREAMS — Jim Pruner takes a break from his hectic schedule. As the end of the year drew near, students began getting restless and minds wandered.



Lisa Crockett
Tim Faulkner
Chris Icenhour
Tony Icenhour
Kevin Jessee



Marmi Jordan
Chris Lane
Mike Mech
Todd Shy
April Spangler



Faculty, Student ...

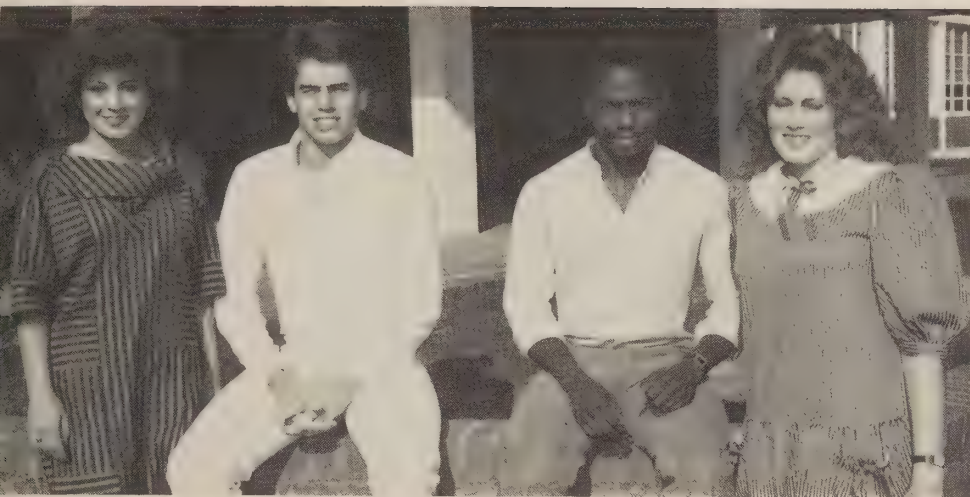
Favorites

Traditionally, the yearbook has featured the Who's Who and the Superlatives among the senior class. The Who's Who was selected by the faculty based on academic excellence and the contributions of each nominee. From a list of nominations made by the faculty, ballots were then cast to select the ten students receiving the most votes.

Superlative nominations were made by the seniors themselves and those receiving the most votes in each category were honored. It was quite an achievement to be selected by one's peers into Superlatives. Both groups were recognized at the Senior Luncheon and at the Awards Night program.

BEST ALL-AROUND — Nominated by their classmates, Lisa Crockett and Kevin Jessee were named best all-around in the senior class. Crockett and Jessee were also selected to the Who's Who by the faculty.





TOP CHOICES — Best Looking Tabetha Gerdes and Tyson Kress; Best Personality William Carter and Dana McKenna.

SENIOR SELECTIONS — Front row: Most School Spirited Jan Balthis and Jimmy Webb. Back row: Most Athletic Tyrone Mitchell and Tracey Brown.



RISING TO THE TOP — Front row: Friendliest Tammy Peters and C.C. Birdwell, and Most Talented Dawn Williams and Tony Icenhour. Back row: Cutest Smile Joe Taylor and Keelie Oar, and Wittiest Angie Eades and Scotty Yates.

THEY MAKE IT SPECIAL — Most Original Mike Jackson and Marmi Jordan, Most Studious Todd Shy and Michelle Hayter, and Most Intellectual Tim Faulkner and April Spangler.

JUST CHATTING — Dana McKenna, Susan Waddell, Lisa Kiser, Luke Statzer and C.C. Birdwell discuss the awards they won. The event was held at the Country Club for the 214 members of the class of 1984.

TABLE TALK — Seniors take a minute to catch up on the latest news while waiting to get their dinner. The meal was served buffet style with entrees such as beef, chicken and fish.



HELP YOURSELF! Seniors help themselves to the buffet. The luncheon was given in honor of the seniors who had excelled academically.





Luncheon climactic . . .

End is in sight

Academic excellence, scholastic achievements and service contributions were cited at the annual Senior Luncheon May 2, at the Bristol Country Club. The luncheon was given in honor of the Class of '84.

Award recipients were as follows: Marmi Jordan — Best All Around Girl and the President's Academic Fitness Award. Todd Shy — Best All Around Boy, Highest Average in AP Government, the Virginia Parrish Study Club's Highest Academic Average in English, the Cecil Belcher Scholarship and the President's Academic Fitness Award. Tim Faulkner — Outstanding Senior in Science, Highest Average in Math, the Cecil Rasnick Memorial Math Award, a Citizenship Award and the President's Academic Fitness Award.

Lisa Kiser — PTA Scholarship, Business and Professional Woman's Club Scholarship and the President's Academic Fitness Award. Larry Jones — Virginia State PTA Scholarship, H.K. Breedlove Scholarship and the President's Academic Fitness Award. Dana McKenna — PTA Scholar-

ship and PTA Outstanding Art Student.

Lisa Crockett — Distinguished Service Award and the President's Academic Fitness Award. April Spangler — Citizenship Award and the President's Academic Fitness Award. Michelle Hayter — Cecil Belcher Scholarship and the President's Academic Fitness Award.

C.C. Birdwell — Jim McGrady Memorial Award and the Fred Lewis Richardson Memorial Award. Luke Statzer — The Mark William Johnson Memorial Art Award. Chris Icenhour — Bristol Christian Businessman's Award and the President's Academic Fitness Award.

Kevin Jessee — The Americanism Award and the President's Academic Fitness Award. Susan Waddell — Recognition for Outstanding Achievement in Business Education.

Other recipients of the President's Academic Fitness Award were — Melissa Brooks, Roger Counts, Trevor Hamilton, Tony Icenhour, Chris Lane, Albert Moore, Owen Morrison, Tammy Richards, Angie Scott and Brad Shutes.



CONGRATULATIONS! Mr. Joe Watson honors Chris Icenhour with the Bristol Christian Businessmen's Award. Students were presented awards from various civic organizations for work well done.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION — Mr. A.T. Outlaw announces the 20 recipients of the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. This was the first year the Presidential Award was given.

Looking forward to ...

Special times

Special ... that was one word that might express the feelings of students entering their junior year.

Along with the hectic pace of the junior magazine sales and the arrival of the long awaited class rings, came the anticipation of the Junior-Senior Prom or the anxiety of taking Achievement Tests to aid in college admission. This special feeling was employed in all the junior activities which were filled with pride and the strong school loyalty that participation brought.

Jennifer Kinkead summed it up by saying, "My junior year is special not only because of the prom and it being

almost my last year but because I'm finally beginning to feel like I belong. As a sophomore you're a nobody, but when you reach your junior year it's like a new awakening. We're finally being recognized."

It was a special time as some students worried about having to go out and face the world while others were just glad to have only one more year.

With all of the special events and anticipation involved with the junior year, no wonder everyone found at least one event that was special to him or her.



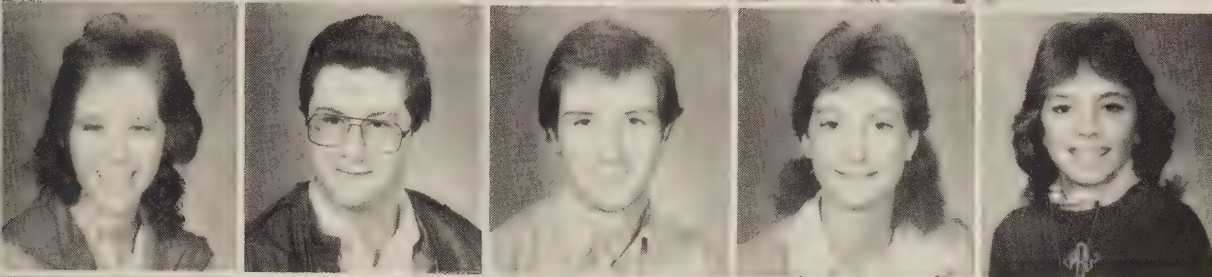
JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Secretary Michelle Widener, Vice-President Robin Sprouse, President Michael Grigsby, Treas-

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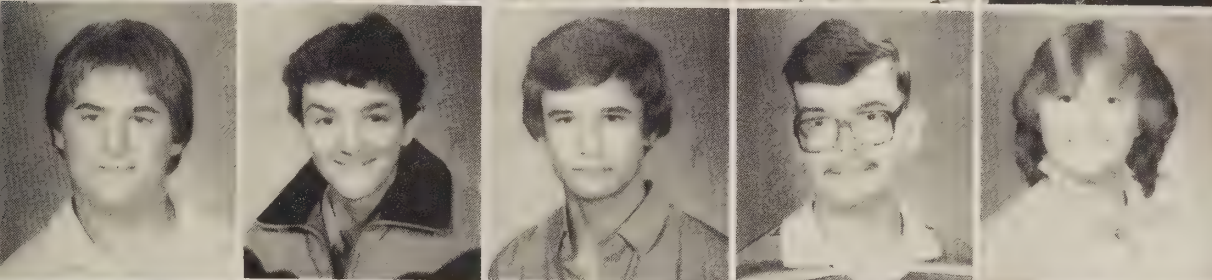




Eric Adams
Robin Alvis
Janet Anders
Norma Anderson
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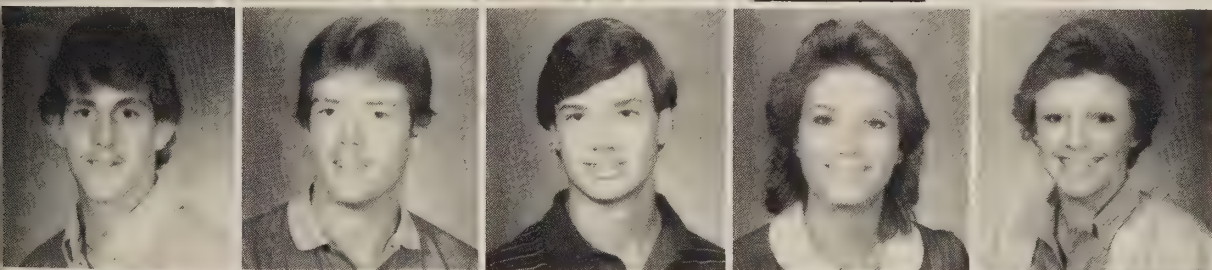
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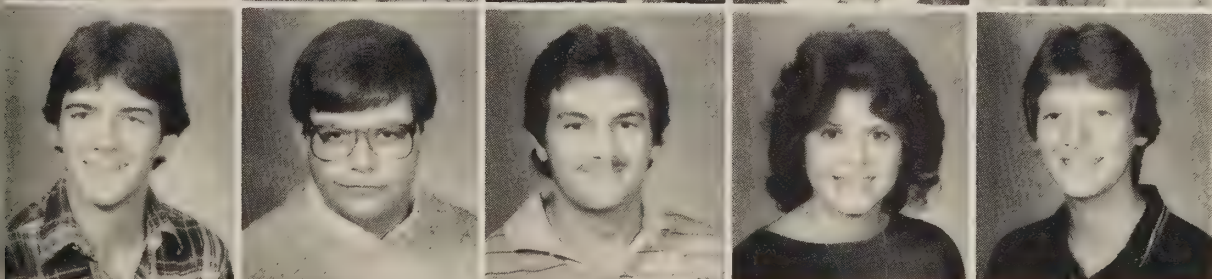
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Paul Cochran
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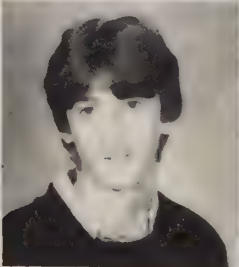


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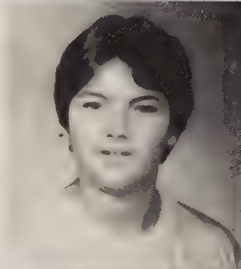
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Kena Fricker
Kerby Fry



Brant Garritson
Amy Geiger
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Sharon Goodson
Michael Grigsby
Tina Gullion



Jeff Hall
Stan Haralson
Michelle Harden
Tisa Hatless
Kathy Harper
Chris Hawthorne
Chris Heaton



Jackie Hedrick
Tracie Hennes
Robin Herron
Wayne Hess
Amy Hill
Donald Hill
Paula Holmes



Cindy Horton
Donnie Hoss
Roger Huff
David Hughes
Richard Inman
Shellie Jobe
Stephanie Johnson



Brian Jones
Andy Kilinski
Jennifer Kinkead
Mandy Knupp
Chris Lambert
Cathy Lawson
Beth Leonard



Extra money ...

Worth the work?

The working world seemed to be a place only for adults; however, several students journeyed into this new world to become involved in the ever-present "rat race".

These students could be found doing everything from ushering at the movie theatres to dipping ice cream at Bressler's to selling burgers and fries at McDonalds to babysitting.

What were their reasons for working? Cindy Horton, cashier at Burger King, replied, "My main reason for working is to pay for my car, but I have also enjoyed making new friends. "Several students felt they needed to work in order to provide for those little extras.

However, some hoped to earn enough money to help pay for college, while others worked just to occupy their time and earn a little extra cash.

Bart Hill, printer at Quality Printers, admitted, "I just work for the money."

Along with the good experiences of working, making new friends and extra money, there, of course, were the disadvantages. Sometimes a part-time job interfered with school work and caused grades to suffer. Michelle Campbell, employee at Bressler's Ice Cream, said, "Having a job takes away your free time as well as study time."

Having a job also provided less time to spend with friends and family. Patty Necessary, employee at Suburban Shoe Center, remarked, "I never have time for those Saturday shopping trips anymore!"

Most agreed, though, that the money and satisfaction of doing something on their own made having a job well worth the sacrifice.



WHAT A RAT RACE — Waiting on customers was just one of junior Bekki Webb's responsibilities as a cashier at McDonalds.

Entering the working world seemed like an adult step for some; for others it was a necessity.

BETTER THAN STUDYING — Taking a break from their homework, Jeff Stork and Michael Grigsby catch up on their fa-

vorite show. Most students considered watching television a viable alternative to doing homework.



"Media madness" ...

Audiovisual relief

While juniors often found themselves buried in homework or cramming for a test, they did manage to find time for pleasure.

Most juniors, having received their license, could be found cruisin' around town, catching a movie, or just roaming the mall on the weekends. The majority, however, spent their spare time involved in "media madness".

Most students could be found rushing home from school to catch their favorite soaps. The more loyal viewers could be found at home on the weekends, watching their favorite programs

or a movie on cable. These activities kept students busy but one channel was watched more than any other.

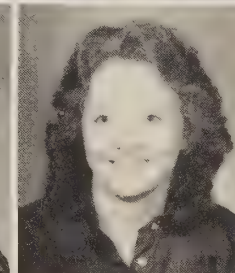
MTV (Music Television) became the most popular channel among students. It gave them a chance to see their favorite recording artists as well as hear their music. Although videos made up the majority of MTV, special concerts and short films such as Michael Jackson's "Thriller" could also be seen.

This channel may not have seemed important to some, but for others it served as a great means of escape from the rigors of homework.





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Melissa Leonard
Thomas Leonard
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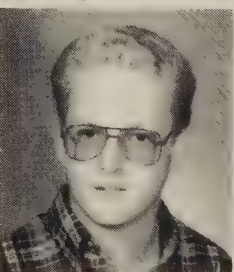
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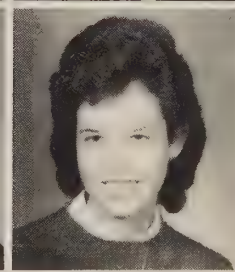
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Jeff Shelton
Toni Shockley

Charissa Shuttles
Bobby Shuttle
Eric Sikorski
Charlotte Sipes
Cindy Smith
Hope Smith
Sharon Smith



Steve Smith
Robin Sprouse
Keeley Stapleton
Mandi Steele
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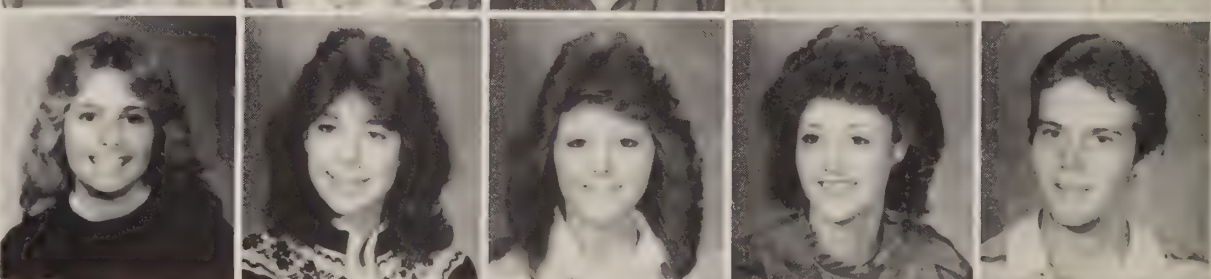
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Kim Vanover
Wendy Walden
Bobby Walling
Barry Webb
Bekki Webb



Vickie Whitaker
Michelle Widener
Angie Williams
Emmalou Williams
Brian Wilson
Mike Wilson
Alvin Winters



Jeff Wise
Valerie Wood
Tracie Woodmore
Jeff Woods
Cindy Wright
Karen Yates





Siblings ...

Help or hindrance?

Brat! Dork! Stupid! Dummy! These and many other words were heard daily as students discussed their brothers and sisters. Whether older or younger, these strange creatures always managed to create problems. An older sister might be "bossy" and a younger brother "childish," while the student relating his or her problem is of course perfect.

No student seemed to be happy with his siblings. Those with a younger brother or sister constantly bemoaned the horrible fate of babysitting and of "being the oldest" or getting blamed for everything. Others kept up a perpetual tirade about the "tyranny" of an older brother or sister. "She gets to do everything and then she thinks she can boss me around, too!" was an often heard complaint.

At home, brothers and sisters fought about things like talking on the telephone too long, "hogging the bathroom", or sometimes they just got tired of looking at each other. But most of these students managed to make the best of a bad situation. For instance, who was always the first one there to take up for you when parents were griping and other people became insulting and threatening? That's right! ... the old reliable brother or sister (the same one who acted like he could kill you at home).

Other advantages included having a ride to school, borrowing lunch money, and being introduced to new friends and clubs. It is true, brothers and sisters are not easily gotten rid of. However, if anyone would like a couple ...



MY BEST FRIEND — Studying together, Jon and Jill Crutchfield show that sometimes brothers and sisters can get along.

Fighting was not always the norm for siblings as they sometimes turned out to be each other's best friend.

A little older ...

A little wiser?

What was so special about being a sophomore in the class of '86? ... Only two more years to go!

This was the sentiment of most sophomores who were just glad to get that first year of high school over with. Being a sophomore meant many new responsibilities and unique experiences. They began the year looking forward to events such as getting a license and the important business of choosing a class ring.

The sophomores seemed to be filled with new hopes, abilities, and enthusiasm for their new social position. As Becky Barker observed, "I like being a sophomore because you don't feel so out of place." Although they couldn't be labeled "upperclassmen" yet, they could be looked up to by the freshmen because of the experience they had gained the year before. Thinking positively, Jennifer Mech replied, "I think its better than being a freshman."

Sophomores gained new freedom at home as their parents began to recognize that they were growing up.

There were a variety of academic courses that sophomores could enroll in to further their knowledge and abilities. A new opportunity was the G-T (Gifted and Talented) English class offered to sophomores and taught by Randall White.

Standard tests were not particularly a favorite pastime for anyone. Universal complaints could be heard when the day for the National Competency Test appeared on the schedule for all sophomores. However, many students were willing to take some tests in order to help prepare them for the upcoming college entrance exams their junior year.

Ordering class rings was one event that greatly assured the sophomores that in the 1984-85 school year they would be upperclassmen!



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS — Front: President Itsy Lowry; Middle: Vice-President Candy Scragg; Back row: Reporter Becky

Jackson, Secretary Julie Jordan, Treasurer Robin Detrick.





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Sharon Bevins
Kerri Bishop
Pamela Blevins
Michelle Bobbitt
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Michael Breeding
Melissa Brewer
Connie Brown
Tracy Brown
Kenneth Bryan

Brad Bullock
Christine Burke
Michelle Bussey
Kay Cambell
Cindy Cambell
Terry Cardwell
Christina Carroll
Brenda Carter

Timothy Chafin
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Kim Childress
Kevin Christy
Greg Coleman
Dori Collins
Larry Collins

Patricia Collins
Penny Collins
Arthur Colvin
Eric Combs
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Torr Coulthard
Angela Courtney
Sheila Cox

George Creger
Carnell Cross
Jon Crutchfield
Debbie Cunningham
Devona Davidson
Traci Davis
Jeff Debord
Angie Denny

Kamini Desai
Robin Detrick
Sharon Dixon
Susan Dixon
Jimmy Donahue
Dwayne Dunn
Jonathan Edwards
Michael Eldreth



Shelley Epling
David Faidley
Lisa Feathers
Marcus Fleenor
Brian Fouch
Greg Fouch
David Frackleton
Susan Francis



Lee Freeman
Danny Gilliam
Beth Gilliam
Yalonda Gilmer
Rhonda Goodson
Linda Goodwin
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Kevin Greer
James Hall
Wade Hamilton
Dena Harris
Tisha Harrison
Kim Hartsock
Silvia Hatcher
Melissa Hayden



Chip Helton
Kenneth Henry
Ricky Hensley
Teddy Hibbs
Bart Hill
David Holloway
Jill Honaker
James Horton



Sherrie Houser
Beverly Huffman
Michelle Humbert
Eric Hurt
George Hushour
John Icenhour
Becky Jackson
Sharon Jackson



Todd Jackson
Jody Jessee
Karen Jessee
Scott Johnson
Sandy Johnson
Christi Johnson
Julie Jordan
Kristine Joslyn





Blush attack ...

It's inescapable

Cheeks of bright red, faces covered by hands, sinking lower into a desk, the attention of every student centered upon you. These were sure signs of embarrassment.

Embarrassing moments seemed to brighten an otherwise ordinary day. However, for the victims of these moments, they seemed to lead to unwanted attention.

"Sophomore English teacher, Mrs. Bradley, has a rule that leads to a lot of embarrassment," confessed sophomore

Todd Pannell. "When you throw a paper wad to the trash can, if you miss, you have to push the paper around the room with your nose."

From falling out of a desk, to tripping in the hall, everyday *someone* manages to get embarrassed.

ONE OF THOSE DAYS — Falling books were a familiar sight, especially to those with bottom lockers. Lori Robbins graciously allows Cindy Campbell to borrow her books.



A fond adieu . . .

'Til we meet again

The boys walked their favorite girl to class, with their books in one hand and her hand held tightly in the other, giving the hint that she was unavailable.

Between classes, couples were seen in the halls laughing and talking. They discussed previous dates and made plans for more. "I enjoyed seeing the movie Saturday." "Are we going to the ballgame?" "There's a dance Friday."

The bell often interrupted the conversation making them late for class. "Oh no, I'm late! Maybe the teacher won't see me."

"See ya before fifth!" or something similar was often said while running down

the hall. When they walked into class, the teacher would usually ask, "Why are you late this time?" Trying to appear inconspicuous, they mumbled an excuse, "I was in the bathroom," while walking to their seat.

Then, they sat in class looking forward to the bell so they could meet that special someone, again.

The day would end with both students smiling, waiting to see each other tomorrow at that special meeting place in the hall.

"See you here after homeroom tomorrow."

"I'll be at your locker in the morning."



ALONE IN A CROWD — Special moments could be shared even in a crowded hallway.

Julie Jordan and Joe Almany find time to talk despite time limitations.





Jennifer Ketron
David King
Melanie Knupp
Wayne Large
Stephen Leonard
Brian Lewis
Tracy Lewis
Jeffrey Linder



Beth Lohman
John Loudy
Itsy Lowry
Bettina Ly
Steve Martin
Euna Maye
Kathryn Mays
Liz McCain



Dene McCormick
Gene McCoy
Lisa McCroskey
Tammy McMurray
Mike Meade
Jennifer Mech
Rhonda Miller
Michelle Mills



Tamera Mitchell
Larry Moore
Rebecca Moore
Amy Mull
Teddy Mullins
Andy Murray
Jimmy Nave
Robbie Nelson



April Newton
Kevin Nichols
Glenna Olinger
David Osborne
Missy Owens
Todd Pannell
Mary Patrick
Regina Perry



Joy Phillips
Kim Pierce
L.R. Pierce
Candy Pippin
Lisa Price
Kim Quillen
Lle Riviello
Lori Robbins



Lisa Roberts
Missy Robinette
Deborah Robinson
Becky Roe
John Roe
Erika Romanoff
Charlie Rouse
Allen Royston

Randy Russell
Jimmy Sale
Eric Sandefur
Daniel Sawyer
Candy Scragg
Mary Kay Settle
Carol Shaffer
Sandy Shaw



Jayne Shelton
Matt Shy
Jennifer Siegfried
Susan Sikora
Lori Slagle
Derek Smallwood
Kim Smith
Ben Snodgrass



Chris Snyder
Ronnie Spangler
Dennis Stanley
Angie Statzer
Danny Stout
Michelle Stout
Stephanie Stout
Ginger Swift



David Tabor
Tonnice Tabor
Lori Taylor
Sterling Taylor
Matt Thiel
Hope Thomas
Melissa Thomas
Michele Thompson



Mike Thompson
Patricia Turner
David Vance
Melissa Vaughn
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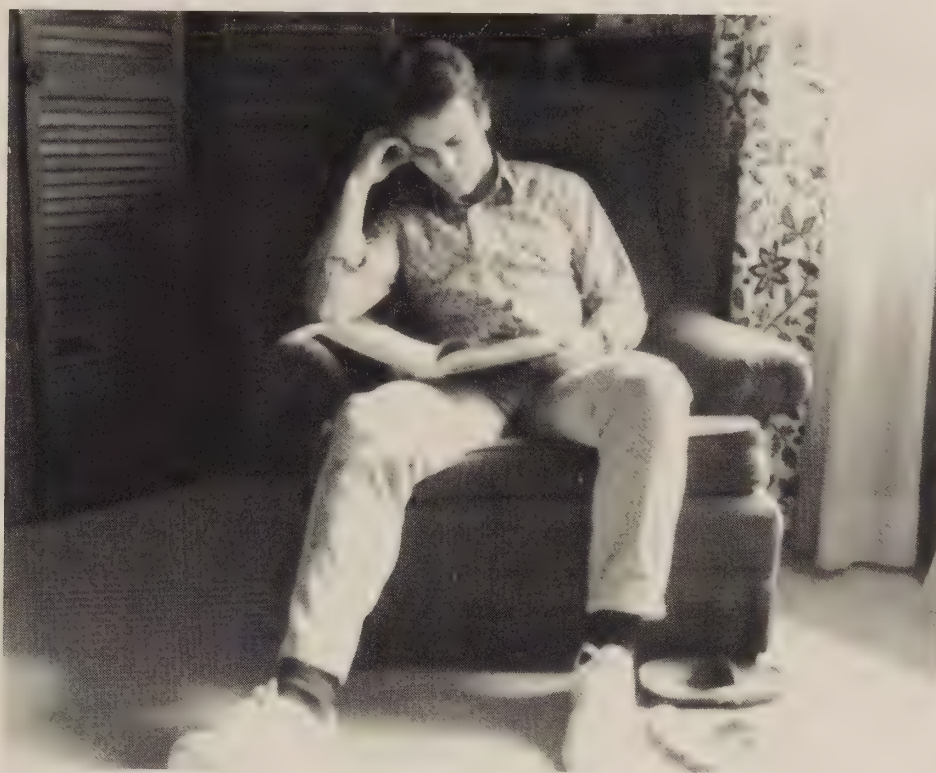


Cathy Wingard
Kim Wright
Steve Wright
Sheri Zaebest



LAST RESORT — Jeff Stork resorts to studying to relieve boredom while being grounded. Many students found it hard to entertain

themselves while restricted to their own homes.



Capital punishment . . .

Cruel and unusual?

Uh, Susan? Would you be interested in going out Saturday? We could go out to the movies or something."

"Mike, I can't. Remember we got in late last week? Well, Mom says that until I learn to get in on time, I can't go out. I'm grounded for the rest of the month. Sorry!"

Many times, students found themselves with the curse of being grounded. Reasons for this punishment were not getting good grades, staying out too late, not cleaning up their room, plus any other actions that broke family rules. Michelle Thompson said she got grounded for "beating up on my little brother and most of all just doing things for spite."

Being grounded excluded students from their social life. They could not go out on dates, school activities or usually, anywhere out of the house. They could not watch tv or use the phone. "Getting

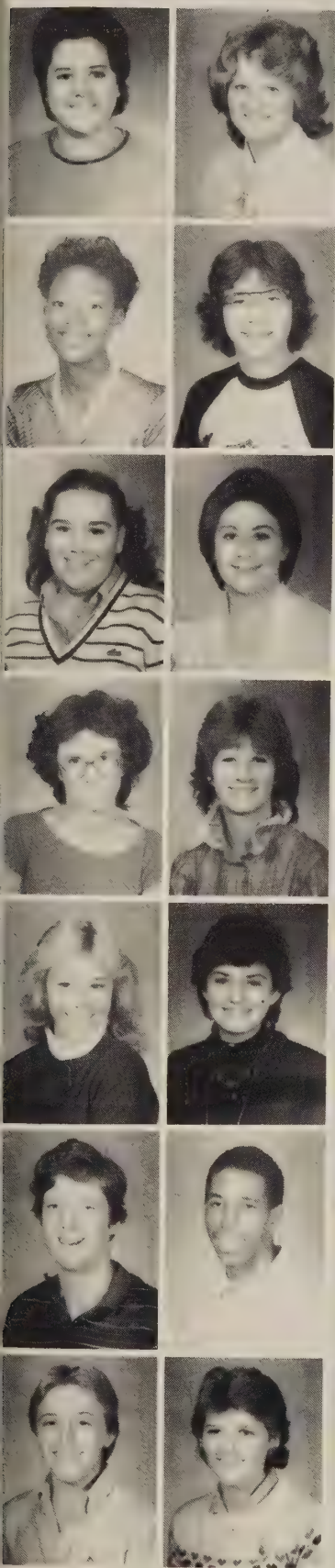
busted" was not any fun, to say the least.

Some parents were blessed with the ability to find any excuse possible to ground their sons or daughters. Pat Widener remarked that his mom "always seems to know when I want to watch something, and then BOOM! I get grounded for a week."

The period of being grounded varied according to the cause. Karen Jessee said, "I get grounded for bad grades for nine weeks." Others served time ranging from a day up to eleven months!

Many different ways were found to describe this menace to teenage life. Most students exclaimed it to be the worst thing in the world. The same students also said they stayed grounded. Jennifer Siegfried replied that being grounded was "being out of touch with the people around you, especially your boyfriend."

Whatever the crime and whoever the offender, being grounded was the pits!



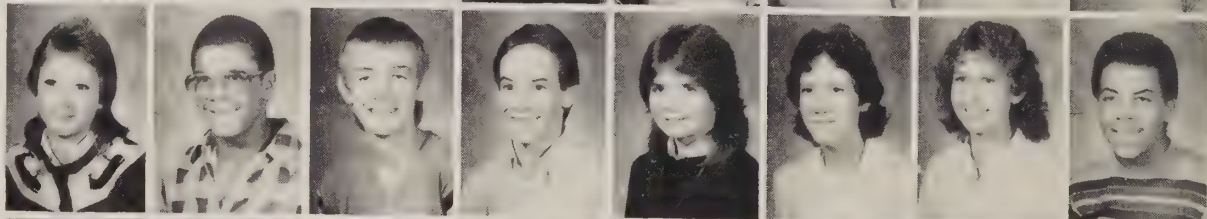
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Jeff Cadle
Anthony Campbell
Richard Campbell



Bobby Canter
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Randy Carrier
Dawn Carrol
Jody Carter
Rufus Carter
Tonia Carly



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS — Treasurer Gail Trump, Vice-President Shelley Davidson, President Noel Dillow, Reporter Lisa Chiang. Secretary Sara Bishop (not pictured).





Lisa Casey
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Rickie Cruey
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Jennifer Elkins

Bottom of ladder. . .

New kids in town

It seems like the new kid on the block always gets the most attention. However, as freshmen, the attention received was not always wanted.

To give them a little shove, Freshmen Orientation was held just before the first day of high school. This gave the new students an opportunity to become familiar with the format of the school.

They were certainly able to foresee many changes from their junior high days. Most were happy to be moving on, and they enjoyed the increase in freedom and independence of their advancement to the high school scene.

The freshmen were often called "green" by the upperclassmen because they were inexperienced. However, through an acute awareness of their sur-

roundings, they soon began to "fit right in."

Many students hated being the youngest and were dissatisfied because they had few privileges and were required to be the last ones to leave pep rallies and assemblies. But, part of being a "frosh" is starting out fresh and having to wait for the good life!

Despite the fact that the freshmen were considered to be on the bottom of the social ladder, they did enjoy the special attention they received from upperclassmen, teachers and administrators. The most favorable part of becoming a freshman seemed to be the opportunity to make new friends. New experiences such as V-T week helped implant the true Bearcat spirit within them.



THOSE LAZY DAYS ARE OVER — A mixture of feelings — excitement, reluctance and probably a little drowsiness, prevailed on the first day of school. Students usually looked forward to seeing friends again, but most were not as enthusiastic about the homework and tests with which they would soon be hit.

Jay Ellis
Lee Estep
Damon Faulkner
Sherri Ferguson
Timothy Fisher
Kristi Fleenor
Margaret Fleenor
Shane Flick



Jeff Foulter
Sherrie Foust
Corey Fraction
Curtis Freeman
Cindy Fricker
Renee Gammon
Michael Gates
Kim Goins



Edward Goodman
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Suzette Gray
Peter Green
Darlene Gross
Kellie Hall
Steve Hall
Jenny Hand



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Alan Harlow
Dede Harris
Lisa Hart
Patricia Hart
William Hartley



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Jeff Hayes
Carl Hayter
Stacy Heaney
Sandra Henley
Brian Hileman
Henry Hillman
Bobby Houser



Bewildered to involved

Hi, Kim!" "Hi John! Boy, I'm glad I bumped into you. I am so lost!"

"You think you're lost, I've been late to every class. First period, I even walked into the wrong room. I was so embarrassed, it was a bunch of seniors and they just started laughing!"

"I know how you feel, this school is so big, I'll never learn my way around!"

"Look, I better go or I'll be late to another class. Save me a seat at lunch, okay?"

The first few days of the new year always brought these cries of distress. How-

ever, as the year wore on, the freshmen became familiar with their new surroundings and began to take an active part in school activities.

Before school began, to help the freshmen get better situated with their surroundings, Freshmen Orientation was held on August 25. This also allowed the freshmen to meet their teachers and acquainted them with the rules and responsibilities that were expected of them.

As the year progressed, several feelings surfaced. These feelings expressed both their dislikes and likes of high school. Jackie Chafin and Sandy Corvin both felt,

"It has been a great year, except for all of the homework and tests." However, most of the freshmen realized that the extra work was the first step to that ever-awaited moment of graduation. Shelley Davidson replied, "Trying to face three more years before graduation is tough!" However, Cheryl Murphy remarked that, "It's better than junior high, though."

All students admitted they would have preferred less homework and more free time, especially on the weekends. During the week, they also liked to have their free time. They had their hobbies as well as

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Mike James

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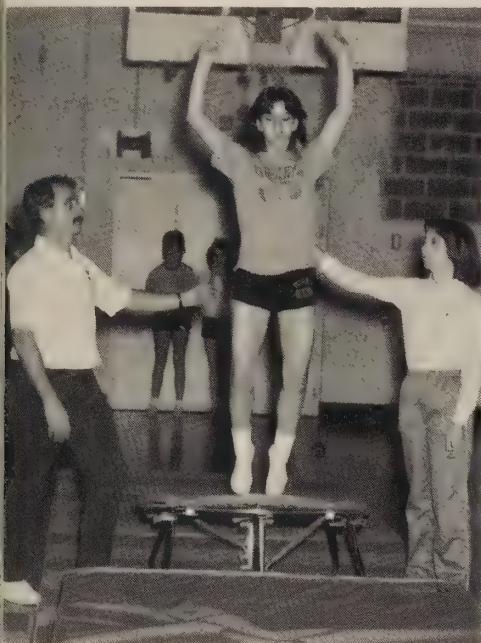
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Steve Vankovich



"GO AHEAD AND JUMP!" Mini-tramp exercises gave students a lift from the usual gym routine. Coaches Jim Norton and Teresa Necessary spot Suzette Gray on the mini-tramp.



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Bewildered

their after-school activities. These hobbies ranged from watching their favorite soaps to their favorite sports. MTV (Music Television) and Friday Night Videos were also "in" with the freshmen. One hobby, not always enjoyed by the freshman was studying.

Freshmen soon discovered that it was time to mature. They also learned that more was expected of them. This meant more effort would have to be put into their homework and studies.

However, homework was usually put aside for things that were more enjoyable. Several freshmen went home to just relax, while others were involved in athletics or clubs. There were a variety of activities to excel in year-round, such as; football, golf,

cross country, indoor and outdoor track, swimming, basketball, wrestling, baseball, volleyball and tennis. There were also several clubs, such as; foreign language clubs, history club, science club, art club, vocational clubs, service clubs, photography clubs and drama club. Through these various activities, freshmen soon learned there was more to high school than academics. These activities further allowed them to meet new people and take an active part in building a tradition.

Most freshmen agreed, their first year was a definite learning experience and the new opportunities offered to them were well-worth the struggles of their first year of high school.



Gregory Vanover
Tammy Vaughn
Robert Vincill
Charles Wade
Howard Walden
Norma Walden
Carolyn Waldo
Melissa Washington

David West
Mark West
Kimberly Wester
Cindy Whaley
John White
Scotty White
Douglas Widener
Mary Widener

Dina Widner
Lynette Widner
Tara Wiesley
Jackie Wilker
Michelle Wilker
Tammy Williams
Tonya Williams
Susan Willis

Laura Wood
Candice Woody
John Worley
Kevin Wright
Steve Wright
Todd Wright
John Yates
Paige Yates

WORK AND MORE WORK — Principal A.T. Outlaw takes time out to complete work concerning the diploma changes. The School Board approved the mandate after two years of study on the matter.

RESPONSIBILITY! Jack French officially takes over the duties of Superintendent effective February 27, 1984. French formerly served as Director of Instruction before his appointment.



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS — Front row: Clerk Dorothy Cox, Chairperson Louise Bowdoin and Curtis Davis. Back row: James K. Fleenor, Vice-Chairman John Snodgrass, Oscar Broome and Superintendent Jack French.



Downing obstacles

As the new year rolled around, the school board made many changes, including a raise in the requirements for graduation, a new name for the auditorium, and the change of administrative positions.

In compliance with a state mandate, the school board raised the requirements for graduation from eighteen to twenty credits. The two extra credits were distributed in the math and science departments. An advanced studies diploma was incorporated into the curriculum, providing an extra challenge to academically inclined students.

Students who received the 20-credit diploma and graduated with an average of "B" or better received a board of education seal on their diploma, while students who got the 22-credit diploma and graduated with a "B" or better received a governor's seal on their diploma.

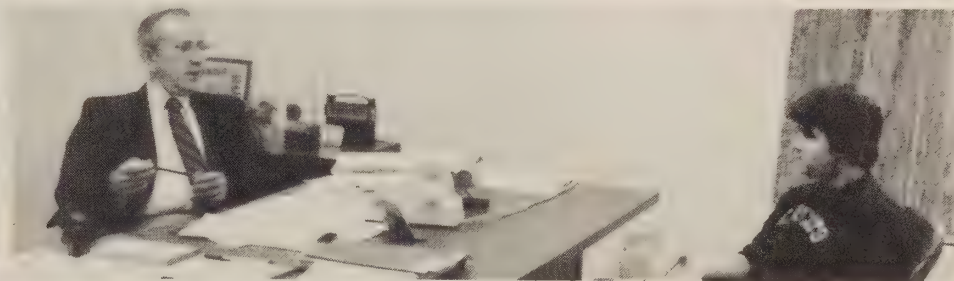
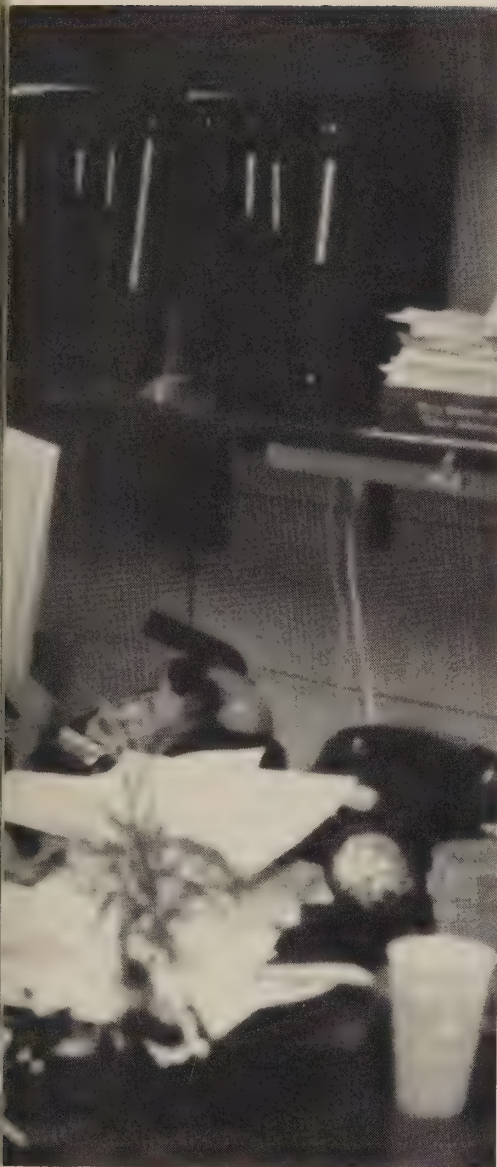
These new standards did not affect the graduating class of 1984, but were avail-

able to eligible freshmen, sophomore and juniors, and mandatory for incoming freshmen.

The auditorium acquired a new name. It was named the Hamp "Pappy" Richardson Memorial Auditorium, in memory of the former band director who wished every year for a new auditorium in which to show off his "fine band". The school board approved the dedication to the auditorium in December.

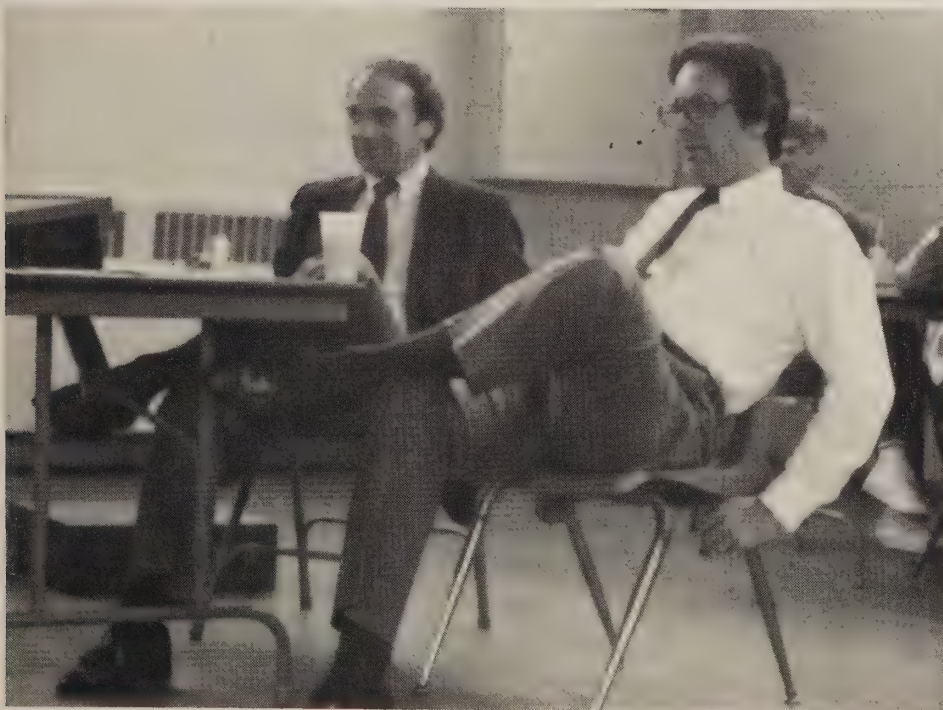
School board members Gus Sorenson and Moe Curcio resigned at the beginning of the year and were replaced by Curtis Davis and John Snodgrass, respectively. Louise Bowdoin became the new chairperson. Members appointed for the new terms were Oscar Broome and James K. Fleenor.

One of the first actions of the new board was the dismissal of Superintendent Royce Quarles. He was replaced by Director of Instruction Jack French in February.



MAKING THINGS RIGHT — Director of Vocational Education Paul Dugger counsels junior Jeff Hall. Mr. Dugger often helped with many problems.

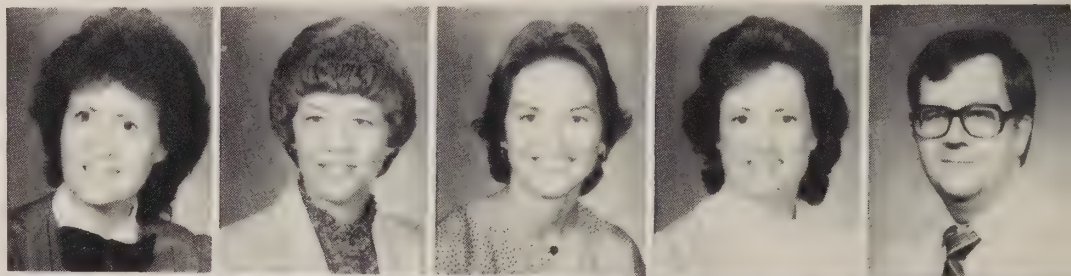
GIMME A BREAK — Balfour class ring representative Bob Mainard and Assistant Principal Paul Hurley take a break during lunch. Students were able to view the variety of choices and styles before choosing their rings.





TAKE FIVE — During a teacher workday in November, the PTA provided a brunch in appreciation for the teachers' hard work. Faculty members were always willing to take a break, especially if it was to eat.

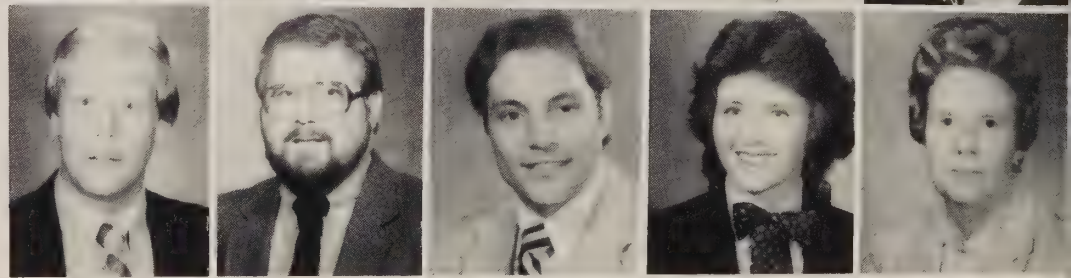
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Life after three-thirty?

Contrary to popular belief, teachers were not simply "beasts of burden" who constantly slaved away over school activities. Numerous teachers also had a second identity that served to alleviate job pressure and to provide variety for the "usually drab" life.

Teaching four to six classes, planning lessons for the next day, attending meetings, including regular faculty meetings, committee meetings and meetings with parents to discuss students' grades make typical days for teachers.

Most teachers understandably had little energy left over for outside diversions. Surprisingly, though, many teachers had enough energy to become involved in activities such as writing plays, selling cars, serving as a member of the House of Delegates and the list goes on.

Gerald Teaster, playwright, has written

two one-act plays and one full-length play, which were all produced. He was writing a new full-length play which was scheduled to be produced in the latter part of 1984.

Teaster won numerous awards for his writings including first place one-act play category of Virginia Highlands Festival Creative Writing Contest in 1978 and first place Sherwood Anderson Short Story Contest in 1976. Despite his success as a playwright, Teaster admitted, "I'm afraid my writing career has not helped me with the teaching of composition which is the most difficult part of my job."

Working at Bowman Motors was one of Dale Morrell's extra activities. Asked to comment on his outside diversions, he said, "My involvement in the sale of new and used cars is rewarding in many ways, including everything from sharing in the

excitement of a student getting that first new car to the monetary rewards, which supplement my teaching salary."

Randall White and Bobby Burchette both served on the Board of Directors of the Bristol Crisis Center. Burchette remarked, "Being on the Crisis Center Board has kept me aware of community counseling resources which cannot be provided (are not provided) in the school system."

Teaching at journalism workshops was one of Betty Morton's extra activities. These workshops took place during the school year and Mrs. Morton was able to take some of her leading journalism students so they could "attend classes, meet other students and learn the latest techniques in publications."

Mrs. Morton taught week long work-

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... After three-thirty

shops for Ohio University and the University of South Carolina in the summers. She taught weekend workshops for the University of Virginia, Columbia University in New York, and the University of Kentucky. She was a member of several journalistic committees across the nation and was recently awarded the Gold Key award by CSPA (Columbia Scholastic Press Association) and the Distinguished Service Award from SIPA (Southern Inter-

scholastic Press Association).

Since 1982, Carol Propst served as one of the directors of a national organization called "Citizens for a Debt-Free America." The organization was chaired by her father, Pat Propst, who was also a sales representative for Bristol Steel. The purpose of the organization, which include members all across the country, was to become involved in monitoring the spending policies of the federal govern-

ment while simultaneously reducing the deficit through voluntary contributions. Miss Propst also served as secretary of the Bristol Virginia Education Association and Elections chairman for VEA District B.

With all their hectic schedules, it was a wonder that some teachers had enough time to sleep. Sometimes students failed to realize that their teachers were involved in activities outside the classroom. But, teachers lived a full life, too!

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Spotlight on ...

Veteran Librarian

Within the school program, only a few faculty members found themselves in contact with all of the students at one time or another. One such person was Mrs. Millie Saunders, librarian.

Each day she was available to any student who needed help locating materials in the media center. Her persistence to find requested information led many to appreciate the advantages of knowing how to use the media center.

Mrs. Saunders spent every school day

in the media center. Students and teachers who needed her expertise knew they would find her either carrying loads of books, pushing a cart filled with media equipment, filing materials or coordinating the efforts of student workers.

Her wit and humor often made the day more pleasant for everyone. Never complaining, she often tackled jobs that were very demanding. The local teachers' organization and the PTA profited from her professional objectives. Also, most home ball games saw Mrs. Saunders selling tickets and offering her support to the home team.

Dedicated to her family, church, school and community, she won respect and admiration from everyone.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK — Librarian Millie Saunders begins the day by filing the morning paper for students' and teachers' use. A variety of tasks kept her busy.



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Day in, day out . . .

Business as usual

It was not an easy job keeping up with 960 kids, their schedules, their grades, their activities and money spent by and for them, but it was a job that five secretaries and the central treasurer seemed to perform with efficiency.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whitaker, a front office veteran, enjoyed the task because, "I working along with the teachers and getting to know new students each year."

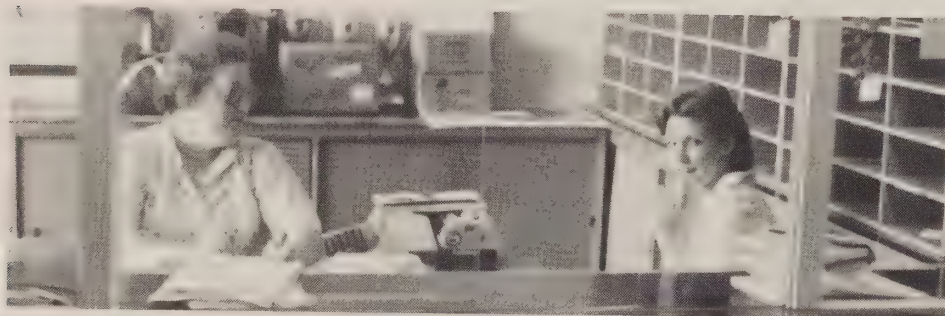
The five secretaries' efforts were distributed among four offices: Mrs. Janet Crutchfield in the Vocational Department, Mrs. Marie Leonard in the Guidance Office and in the main office, Mrs. Whitaker

and Mrs. Linda Pope.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tackett, who functioned as the central treasurer, helped teachers and students keep accurate records of receipts and bills, as well as managing the school bookstore with the help of SCA Treasurer Sharon Smith.

The office personnel performed the necessary function to keep things rolling.

ATTENTION PLEASE — Mrs. Janet Crutchfield uses the intercom to call for a student needed in the office. Often students were called to report to the office, one time or another.



DO WE HAVE ALL THE CARDS? Mrs. Linda Pope works on the absentee sheets for the day as office helper Kim Bowen waits to distribute them. Checking registers and typing memos and agendas were all in a day's work for this busy office secretary.

LET'S LOOK IT UP — Needing information, Mike Adkins goes to a reliable source, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitaker. When in need most students turned to Mrs. Whitaker.





DO YOU HAVE CHANGE? Junior Shellie Jobe receives change from Mrs. Elizabeth Tackett, Central Treasurer. Mrs. Tackett proved to be one of the main assets to the school.

A, B, C — Mrs. Marie Leonard looks up information on a student in the files. A file was kept on each student.



HELLO — Mrs. Dee Halstead takes a break from conversing with Mr. Ed Icenhour to answer the telephone. This was one of the many tasks her job required.



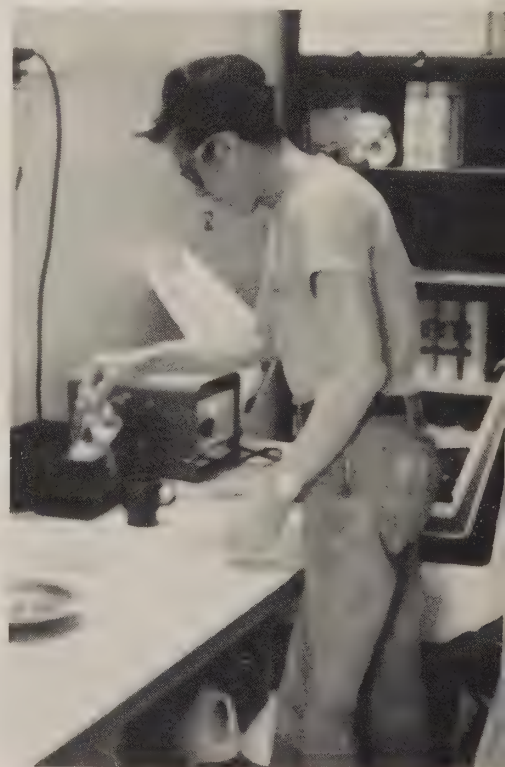
ALL SET — In preparation for the onset of hungry students, Mrs. Jeanette Nooncaster sets out servings of fruit salad in the hamburger-and-hot dog lunch line. Side dishes helped add a little flair to lunches.

MAKING THE ROUNDS — Carrying all the necessary equipment with her, Sally Brown performs her afternoon cleaning. The cleaning service personnel had quite a task ahead of them each afternoon, especially after pep rallies and assemblies.



CLEAN UP YOUR ACT — If practice makes perfect, the ladies who ran the cafeteria were undoubtedly expert dishwashers as well as cooks. Cafeteria Manager Mrs. Billie Morris and Mrs. Margaret Pullon are involved in that chore that must inevitably follow any meal — washing dishes.

COFFEE BREAK — The custodians were usually kept fairly busy cleaning up after almost 1,000 students, but they did have time to themselves occasionally. James Bowden takes time out for a cup of coffee during a lull in activities.



The indispensables . . .

Service with a smile

Mops and soapy water were two things that cafeteria workers and custodians had in common, but more importantly, both performed

"NEXT PLEASE" — Making change as fast as possible, Mrs. June Criswell collects money from students as they pass through the lunch line. Though sometimes obliged to wear a visor to block out the noontime sun, Mrs. Criswell seemed to keep her cool when confronted with lost lunch tickets or impatient students.



those necessary tasks that helped to make school days more pleasant.

Another common aspect of the custodial and cafeteria services was that both underwent important changes during the year. For instance, an industrial-type custodial service was brought in to replace the full-time staff of years past. Under the new system, a group of eight men and women from MBH Services, Inc. performed all the custodial duties under the

direction of on-sight supervisor Paul Ackley. According to Principal A.T. Outlaw, the switch to a professional service proved to be a successful, as well as an economical, transition.

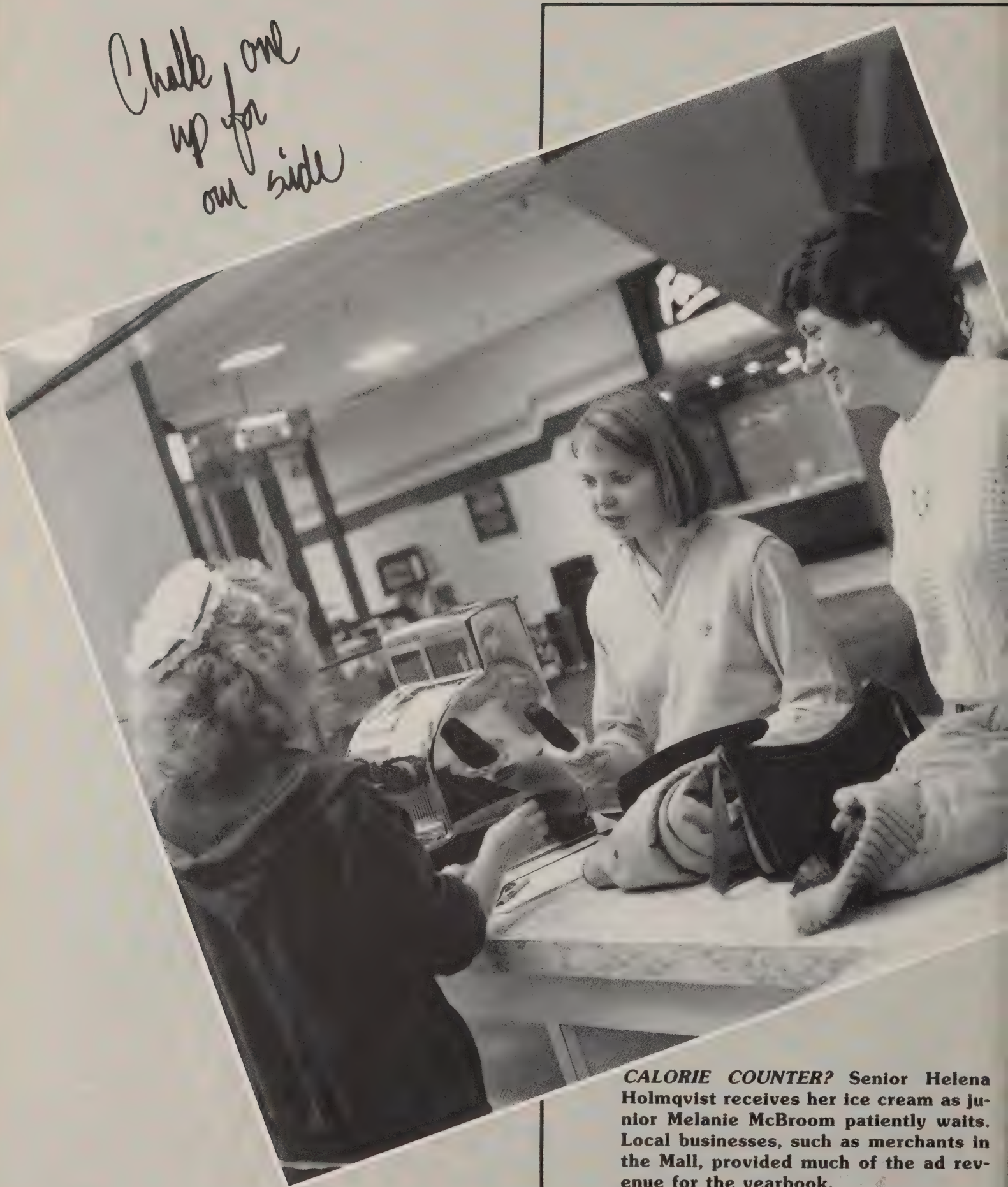
A new addition to the lunch room gave calorie-counters and light eaters a new alternative — a salad bar. According to Mrs. Billie Morris, cafeteria manager, the estimated cost of the equipment was approximately \$5,000.



HOW MUCH WILL THAT BE? Mrs. Linda Hall helps a student with his lunch expenses. Many students bought extra food items that had to be added to the original cost.

WHAT NEXT? Custodian David Montgomery looks over his supplies for cleaning. The custodians were always available when an accident occurred.

Chalk one
up for
our side



CALORIE COUNTER? Senior Helena Holmqvist receives her ice cream as junior Melanie McBroom patiently waits. Local businesses, such as merchants in the Mall, provided much of the ad revenue for the yearbook.

Victory

Staff conquers inflation with extra effort

Due to economic problems, mainly inflation, numerous local businesses were forced to cut advertising expenses. One immediate effect became apparent to the yearbook staff early in the year in the form of increasing difficulty in selling ads.

While some businesses refused advertising offers, citing lack of money and lack of response, other local merchants continued to renew their advertisements. Such corporations as Bristol Steel and the United Coal Company continued to pledge

community support for the school.

However, ad revenue also came by way of other smaller businesses. Included among this list were many florists, bankers and hair stylists. Community support came from nearly all facets of life.

With the combined effort of the yearbook staff and caring persons within the community, fundraising goals were met and inflation defeated. Thus the entire community could comment that "we chalked one up for our side."



LIGHTS, CAMERA — The downtown Paramount Theater lives again during the filming of *The River*. Smaller businesses in this area of town proved to be the backbone of the ad sales.

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LAB STUDENTS SURVIVE

Smoke billowing from behind a closed door? The tear-jerking odor of formaldehyde pouring from the window? Yes, the science classes had returned to room 122, the dreaded lab!

For Chemistry II Students, the year began

"GOTCHA!" Senior Michelle Hayter probes through her cat. Probes and scalpels provided the opportunity for numerous accidents.



normally amid the shards of broken beakers and puddles of caustic chemicals. Yet, a few accidents stood out in the minds of all. The most memorable was probably the time senior Marmi Jordan dropped a 600 milliliter beaker of boiling water and steamed the curl out of her hair. Other memorable events included Lisa Kiser's ammonia inhaling experience, acid burns and chemical stains.

Chemistry I students contributed to the list of "famous" accidents as well. During the first days of lab, one of the more mischievous sophomores accidentally lit the cord to the burner, causing a rather major backfire.

Not to be left out, the Advanced Biology students contributed on their own. Aside from the various cat parts from their semester-long dissecting project that clogged the drains in the sinks, students also had accidents involving those sharp little probes and scalpels. Fortunately, no limbs were severed.

As June approached, no serious accidents had occurred. There were no major explosions, no deaths from the inhalation of noxious gases and no lost limbs. Just another plus for lab safety!

— Tim Faulkner

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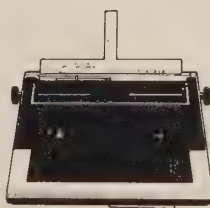
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LANDSKRONA TO BRISTOL

Amid new surroundings, foreign exchange student Helena Holmqvist began the new year just as any other senior, almost.

Holmqvist decided to take part in the American-Scandinavian Student Association because, "Some of my friends have been here; they influenced me. I was tired of school in Landskrona. But I didn't decide which school to come to, the ASSA (American-Scandinavian Student Association) chose for me."

Comparing Virginia High with school in Sweden, she commented, "In the USA you have a daily schedule; in Sweden we have a weekly schedule. Our school is much more free. We can go anywhere on the school campus at lunch and on recreation hours. When we don't have a class we can do what we want to, and you don't need a note!"

However, as the end of the year approached, while others were planning for beach trips and summer school, Holmqvist was making plans for returning home to Sweden after a long year.

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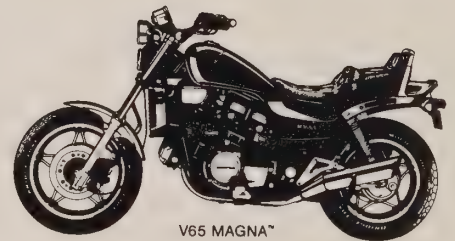
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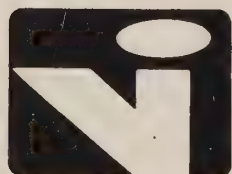
LAMENT FOR A LOCKER

The lock clicked. Slowly the door opened, just a crack at first. A student's face peered tentatively inside. The door opened wider, slowly, slowly. The student reached into the small space, groping in the dark. Suddenly, a multitude of books, papers, and miscellaneous articles poured forth in an overwhelming flood, burying the hapless teenager.

No, this was not a scene from the *Twilight Zone*. This was a real-life situation faced daily by high school students. The natural tendency of lockers to become cluttered was compounded by teachers' persistence in handing out vast numbers of textbooks. Rather than the expected one-book-per-class, students ended up with two or three per class, plus notebooks, plus boring paperbacks for English.

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One of the newest fads that overcame the school parking lot was the purchasing of personalized license tags. Several students added change from the ordinary three letter, three number tags, to the mixture of letters and numbers or all letters and all numbers.

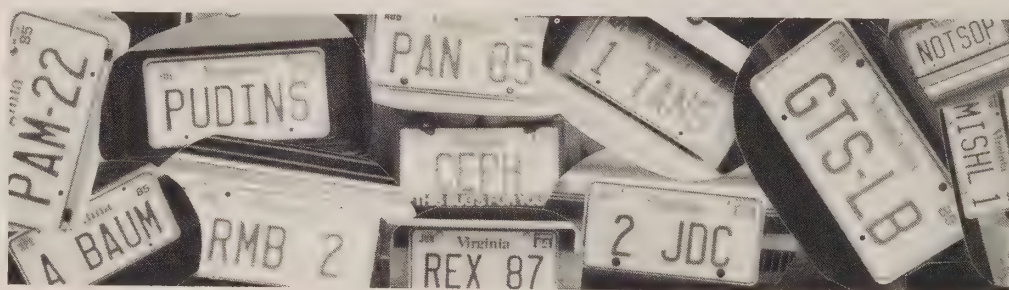
The originality of the tags seems to appear from the outmost corners of the student's minds. NOTSOP, Poston spelled backwards was located on Donna Poston's car as Tonnie and Chuck C. appeared on Tonnie Moretz and Chuck Crockett's cars. For some, just that distinction of being unique was apparent as MISHL 1, BEFFIE CEPH, PUDINS, and KRAOR S appeared. When Shawn Roark, alias KRAOR S, was asked why he chose to get personalized tags,

he responded, "Regular tags are boring. I wanted S ROARK, but I spelled it backward to be eye catching."

Although students' cars were the main vehicles to have personalized tags, a few teachers had unusual tags to offer. Assistant Principal Paul Hurley had PWH 3 located on his tags, as REX 87 was just a nickname for Linda Duckworth's RX 7. John Brown's tag had 79 on it which was his ranking in the House of Delegates.

There were several student cars with personalized tags, the majority of them, though, used the original plates given by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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Ah, yes! The old familiar sound of the 2:30 bell. For some poor unfortunate souls that meant they had approximately five or six minutes to arrive at detention hall. To some of the regular offenders, detention supervisor Mrs. Maude Lauman was a second mother, and the detention hall room was a home away from home.

Students who attended detention hall did not have a big choice of activities from which

to choose. Some chose to complete their homework assignments while others read a magazine, or just sat there with a blank stare on their face. Students were not allowed to talk to one another nor could they walk around freely.

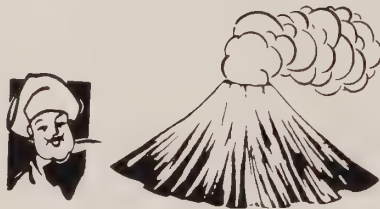
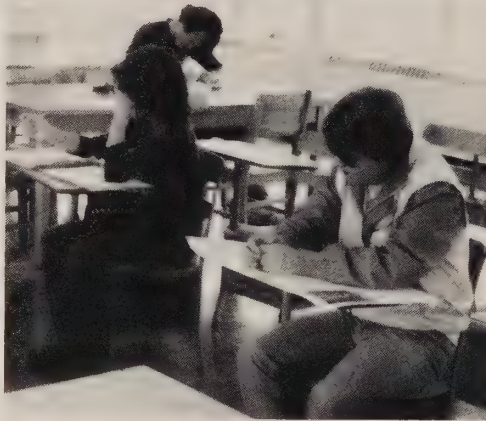
There were certain days which detention hall was not held, such as days before big holidays or a snowy day. James Catron said, "I really look forward to snowy days, so I won't be detained after school."

There was only one alternative to spending time after school in detention as punishment. This, of course, was taking a paddling. Most students were not exactly crazy about this idea. Mark Bantam said, "I would prefer to spend time in detention every day than to receive licks from Principals Outlaw or Hurley."

Summing it all up, Mrs. Lauman said, "I feel sorry for some of the kids who spend time after school simply for being half of a minute late to class. Then, others deserve to be her for skipping class, going out to lunch or fighting. Most of the students behave themselves in detention mainly because I can always call for Mr. Hurley to preside over them. All in all, I don't mind it, and maybe kids will learn their lessons."

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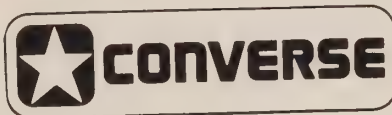
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STUDY HABITS VARY

Even though study hall was designed for the sole purpose of studying, hardly anyone participated in this activity. Upon my first notice of this, I was struggling through an English assignment about which I had absolutely no interest.

The noise which startled me into glancing upward was an interrupting "THUD" on the desk beside me. I then sneaked a quick look at the monstrosity laying on the table next to

me. It was quite evident that he was not a perfect model of school decorum. His arm had apparently fallen from under his chin and his head had hit the table. This incident, however, did not disturb the boys; yet he managed to harshly awaken the rest of the class.

After this episode, I continued to look around the room. The girl and boy on the other side of me were partaking in a game that might have been compared to football, or at least that is what it appeared to be. The two were constantly arguing about who scored the point, so they reverted back to the beginning of the game in order to settle the difficulty.

In the back of the room slumped several unruly people that looked as if they belonged to a local chapter of a national motorcycle gang. They continually harassed the teacher by making chicken noises and telling her it was their library day when it really was not. They also seemed to enjoy exercising their throwing arms on the back of their fellow students' heads. I hated to gaze too long, for I started to fear for my life.

As I looked back on this experience; I realized that I had learned one thing in study hall this semester. I decided not to take it again next year!

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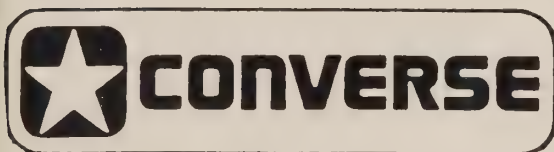
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SHAPE UP, SLIM DOWN

Diets were somewhat of a bother for most people. There were two types of dieters. The first one was the continued dieter. This person dieted constantly, and no pounds tended to be shed. He was always looking for a new and better way to lose weight.

He engaged in exercise, diet pills and lettuce leaves. He put tremendous work into this major goal, with no apparent benefits gained. This group seemed to enjoy the agony of de-

feat, and therefore found some way out of the work and hassle. It appeared the only reason for it was so they could say "I'm on a diet," when offered some delicious food. The good thing about this category was that, in reply to this statement, people tended to say "you don't need to be on diet," even if the person did. The person usually then ended up eating the food.

The second type was the once-in-a-while dieter. This person ate to fulfill his heart's desire all the time, and occasionally decided he needed to lose weight. He then suffered through maybe one day without food. As a result, the dieter stepped on the scale and the next morning and saw that he had lost at least ten pounds. He never forgot to inform his friends of the fantastic news. His friends usually turned out to be continued dieters. This was the reason why the word "hate" always accompanied the once-in-a-while.

It was at this time the continual-dieters decided they wouldn't want to be like the once-in-a-while-dieter anyway. So, back to the start, and thus began this vicious circle of dieting all over again.

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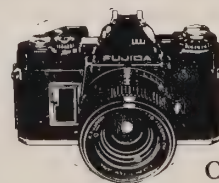
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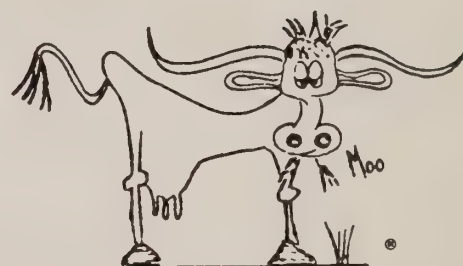
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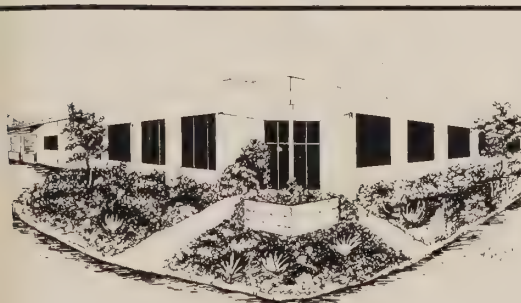
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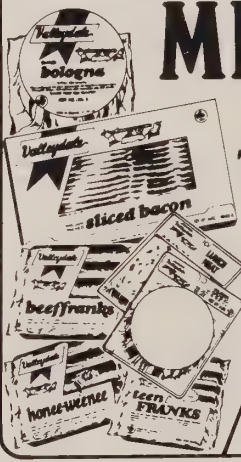
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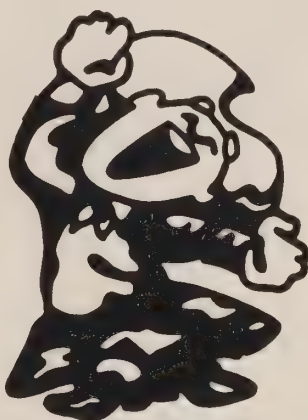
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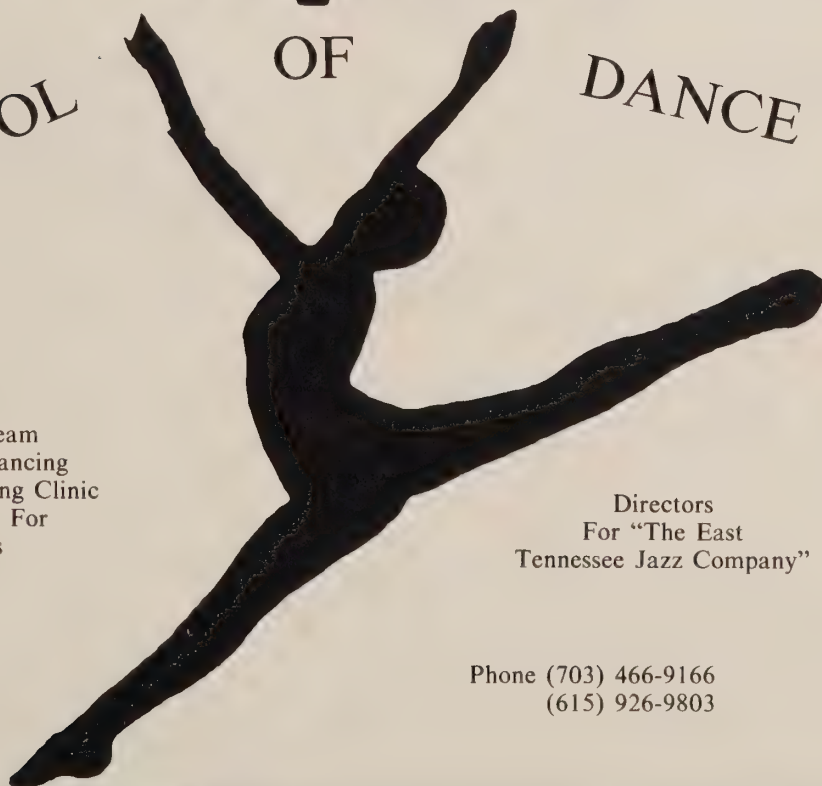


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Procrastination — a word that decried usual student output when it came to completing a term paper early. Even though teachers assigned the projects around three months before they were due, a majority of students, for a variety of reasons, put off the

LAST MINUTE — Sophomore Cindy Campbell adds the finishing touches to her paper. Students used class time to recopy papers and write bibliographies.



papers until the night before they were required.

This feat required several necessities — No-Doze, at least two gallons of Liquid Paper, several pens and sharp pencils and several pots of freshly brewed black coffee. The night of frantic writing began promptly at 2:30, or as soon as the student got home in the afternoon.

After stocking the room with snacks and Visine, to get the red out after 2:00 AM, the student began to write. After seven hours of changing ideas and wadding paper, the student began to take the No-Doze.

Several hours later, with twelve pages of total nonsense finished, the student was finally able to take a break. Within the next three hours, the student's *MLA Handbook*, thesaurus and dictionary were torn, stuffed into the trashcan and burned with the help of a little lighter fluid.

By 7:30 next morning, with paper and little bits of the student's hair scattered about the room, he finished, only to find that he lost page three. At 10:01, only a couple of minutes before English, the student completes the re-write of the paper.

And thus went the saga of the typical procrastinator.

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plaining of homework. Everyone seemed to be allergic to the four letter word, W-O-R-K.

Most seniors gradually lost inhibitions that were intense their freshman year. They yelled louder at ballgames, danced more at dances, and spoke up more in class. Nearly all shyness was lost.

They had come from being below par as a freshman to being "on top of things" as a senior. And they liked to intimidate underclassmen. Besides, they had been through it all . . . it was their turn.

Senioritis developed in stages. The attitude that seniors deserve a break after twelve long years intensified throughout the year. By the end of the year, most had taken the disease to the max! They just did not care what anyone thought of them because they were not going to be around anymore (possibly not even in the same town). The common thought seemed to be, "Bristol VA-TN; A good place to leave."

— Tammy Richards

SENIORITIS!! On the last day of regular classes, senior Joan Chorosevic shows symptoms of that dreaded malady, "senioritis" by doing her Lawrence Welk imitation. Seniors began to show signs of this ill as spring neared.

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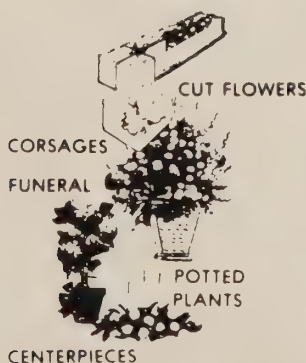
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BEGINNER'S ENTHUSIASM

Why was it that new drivers liked to drive fast? They all seemed to be saying, "Hey, I'm cool, I drive now." Many of them enjoyed testing their cars and their parents' nerves. They liked to find the limitations of their new "set of wheels," then they would know whether they owned a "bad ride" or a "klunker."

Starting to drive also meant new discoveries and excitement. New drivers explored and found different places to go and hang out. New drivers were restless and always wanting to go somewhere if not just "cruisin"

But operating a vehicle took time to perfect. One had to learn to coordinate brakes, gas, steering wheel, (in some cases — clutch and gear shift) and watching the road — all with correct timing. Too much! And too

many rules. "Doesn't S-T-O-P mean to slow down?" Red light? "I'm colorblind!"

New drivers discovered that cars could do tricks, too! Like donuts in parking lots, fish-tailing in snow, or figure eights around objects and sometimes people! To some new drivers, a car was a toy.

Some enjoyed the comfort of riding in a hatchback. Illegal? Naw. Nearly everyone liked to "jam out" to their favorite type of music. A teenager's vehicle just would not start without a tape in the mandatory tape deck.

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Most of all, we wish to thank the students, faculty, administration, and Mr. Chuck Savedge who have all supported us in many ways, and our adviser who was a great asset in making this volume of the *Virginian* possible.

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Times
Voice Of The Bearcats

Cooperation pays off, Chalk one up year a success for our side



THE FINAL DAYS — During the last days of Mr. Fred Fisher's U.S. History Class, Valerie Crusenberry, Julia Mullins and Ben Buchanan listen intently during a class discussion. Much of school's final days was spent preparing for final exams.

As June approached, the nation's economic woes began to ease. Yet, the students *did* overcome the inflation and budget cuts that had earlier run rampant.

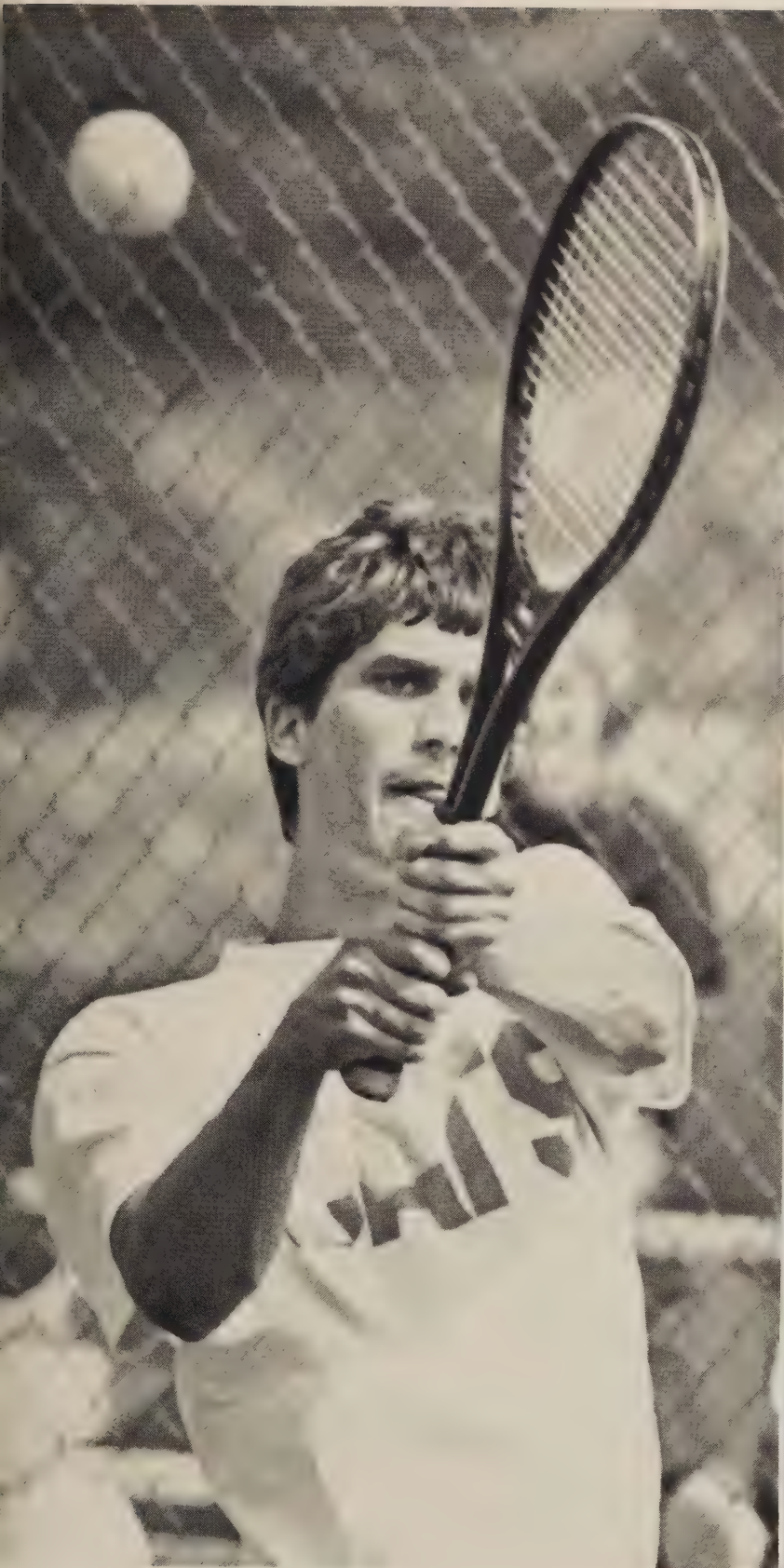
In a contest sponsored by the Grand Council of Tennessee United Commercial Travelers of America, Richard Shuffler, George Fields and Jenny Elkins, students in Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit's Special Art class gained first, second and third places, respectively, in the state and advanced to national competition.

The long-awaited salad bar finally arrived, leaving seniors only five short days to enjoy it. Senior Tammy Richards commented, "I just hope everyone remembers that a member of our class worked to get it, namely SCA President Marmi Jordan."

The Rotary Club Honor Roll Banquet, the All-Sports Banquet, Awards Night

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WINNER? Southwest District champ Bobby Blevins smashes a backhand return in his match with Marion's Terry Walker. Blevins and the rest of the squad rolled on to the Region IV championship.



AWARD WINNERS — Principal Tim Outlaw honors Jenny Elkins, George Fields and Richard Shuffler for their showing in an art contest, as art instructor Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit proudly looks on. These students won on the state level and moved on to national competition.



"THERE SHE IS" A nearly vacant school awaits the return of students for yet another year. With changes and innovations, the face of the school often changed.

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Chalk one up

and the Quill and Scroll/Publications Banquet Highlighted the end-of-the-year ceremonies that led up to graduation. Two hundred and fourteen seniors finally received their diplomas, evidence of four years of hard work on Friday night, June 8.

Other year-ending activities included the Junior-Senior Prom, complete with

Mobile Dance, a professional portable entertainment service from Newport, TN.

Budget cuts, inflation, international tension and even local controversies could not dispel students' hopes or cast even the dimmest shadow on such a successful year. Thus, students and teachers alike earned the right to sum it all up in one statement; "Chalk one up for our side!"

LAWRENCE WELK? Seniors Lorre Hawkins, Joan Chorosevic and Lisa Fraley display their "senioritis" by blowing bubbles on the last day of classes. Seniors began to show signs of this malady as early as February.

"NEXT PLEASE" — At the annual Quill and Scroll Installation Ceremony, Keeli Oar reads the names of the prospective candidates. Fifteen second-year journalism students became members of the organization.



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